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INTRODUCTION.

It is frequently said that the present is not a poetic age. Those who claim to understand these matters, tell us that only two aspects of human life are favorable to poetic effort. First, romance; second, war. We are told that in the old land romance has passed away. In Canada it never existed. We are so engrossed with our economic concerns in this country there is no time to devote to the muse. The discovery of a new lode in North Ontario will create a much greater furore in this country than if a modern Shakespeare or Burns were suddenly to appear on the scene. We live in a utilitarian age. What is not practical and useful from an economic point of view is worthless in a great degree. Without analyzing these propositions, I beg to submit