

He disclaimed the powers of oratory as did Mark Antony. And he seemed so sincere that we believed him. So we were off our guard and before we knew he was attacking us he had absolutely conquered us! We may hope he will sway the rods of empire as deftly and successfully.

And the content of his address had the cumulative force of developing thought. Beginning with a description of the West he dwelt with things seen, the objective. That was an easy task. Advancing to the sphere of government and national life in which are included "humanity with all its fears and all its hopes of future years" his statements though few were so charged with thought that his words were like Webster's weighty, like Luther's half battles.

The Prince does his own thinking. He can build a speech. You are sure he could build a house and your heart takes fire with the hope, the assurance, the conviction that he will do his royal part royally as an Empire builder. And somehow you desire to work with him as you do your bit though he is unaware of your existence. Could any orator ask for more?

Does the Prince show that he knows anything about diplomacy? For the "master of those who knew" teaches us by the courtier Polonius the necessity of worldly wisdom in order to "get on." Use truth, he seems to teach, where truth will work and, since necessity knows no law, "your bait of falsehood takes this carp of truth." Here, perhaps, more than elsewhere, Shakespeare might be another name for Bacon.

The Prince is wholly truthful and he has the art of using the truth most effectively.

He praises Canada, and especially Ontario and Toronto. He speaks so cleverly and with such solemn assurances that he might say vastly more and then only begin to sound their praises that Canada and Ontario and Toronto take him seriously and ask him to call again which he repeatedly affirms he will certainly do and almost immediately though the interim, however short, will seem an age to him!

And so you are sure he will be a King who can do no wrong in the difficult and delicate task of diplomacy.

Does his address, however, show balance of judgment as well as critical acumen and power of sustained thinking? For in the case of a King "he who offends in one point is guilty of all."

His manner is modest yet not apologetic. He is frank but not in any degree naive. He is gracious but does not offend