

the grand old man. I am not an old man. I will be by-and-by, I hope, but if I be, I want to look back upon prosperous Canada, upon a free people, upon electoral purity, and upon domestic virtue. I am willing to be misrepresented now if, peradventure, the truth will come a little later."

### The Course of Government.

What does a great English writer say about a statesman? and with that I close. Bolingbroke wrote long ago as follows:—"The ocean which environs us is an emblem of our Government, and the pilot and the Ministers are in similar circumstances. It seldom happens that either of them can steer a direct course, and they both arrive at their port by means which frequently seem to carry them from it. But as the work advances the conduct of him who leads it on with real abilities clears up, the appearing inconsistencies are reconciled, and when it is once consummated the whole shows itself so uniform, so plain, so natural, that every dabbler in politics will be apt to think that he could have done it the same. That is where we expect our reward."

The Premier added:—"The dabbler now sees nothing but weakness. When the structure is complete and it stands before us as to the purpose for which it is intended, then those who criticized us will recognise us hereafter, and this land of ours will have enjoyed at our hands the blessings of good government." (Loud cheers.)

The meeting closed at 10.35 with loud cheers for the King, Premier Ross and Mr. Madole.