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SIR WILLIAM WHYTE.

At sixty-eight, the strenuous man requires a rest. Some think forty-five and fifty old enough to retire from the brunt of business battle. Sir William Whyte is within two years of three score and ten, and has decided that at the end of the month he will endeavor to think less about the technicalities of running the Western Canadian section of a big railway. Since 1897, as vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway he has managed their lines west of Fort William. It is difficult for a transportation genius such as Sir William to disentangle himself from the web of railroad steel which he has helped to spin. So it will not be an easy task to drop a railroading experience of nearly half a century to fritter away time and think of past achievements and in pacing the deck of semi-idleness. Even had Sir William a strong desire along that line, the Canadian Pacific Railway directors would still like the benefit of his counsel.

When the Western vice-president reached mile-post sixty-five on the railroad of life he was approached by Sir Shaughnessy, the president, and requested to remain in office a few years longer. This was a remarkable compliment to the vice-president, for those who preside

over the destinies of big railroad corporations think that at sixty-five the usefulness of their officials should be rewarded by retirement. Here are the words of Sir Thomas himself in making the announcement at Winnipeg this week:—

"The period at which the connection of Sir William Whyte, of the company, might have been severed under the regulations was three years ago. At that time, at my urgent request and solicitation, he consented to remain in the service of the company a few years longer. Sir William has now advised me that he has decided to retire and to spend the balance of his life in rest. It has consequently been agreed by the board of directors that he should retire from the active control of the lines in Western Canada on September 30th next. The Canadian Pacific will not, however, lose the great benefit of the experience of Sir William. It has been decided that he be elected to the board, and he will continue his service to the company in that capacity."

Thus Sir William Whyte, whom King George made a Knight Bachelor in June, becomes a member of the Canadian Pacific directorate. His great interest in the welfare of the line will thus be maintained as it would have done anyway.

Sir William's career in Canada has been yet another example of what can be accomplished by a plodding in-