

GREAT FUTURE

Sir Charles Rivers
Wilson Optimistic

Declares Prince Rupert is
Bound to Become a
Great City

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The announcement a few days ago that Sir Charles Rivers, after serving for fourteen years as president of the Grand Trunk Railway, had retired, was followed by a fall in Grand Trunk shares, and this showed more forcibly than any words or spoken estimate could do how severe a loss to the company is Sir Charles's resignation.

But he has well earned the leisure he has chosen to devote to himself. When one meets Sir Charles it seems almost impossible to believe that he is not far from eighty years old, for he has the appearance of a boy, and is not a sexagenarian. Yet he was born in 1842 and it is fifty-three years since, after an education at Eton and Balliol, he

His great financial ability soon manifested itself, and in 1874, he became Controller General of the National Debt office. Soon afterwards he went to Egypt, and for two years did much

president of the Grand Trunk Railway, at an age when many men regard their labors as ended. And his greatest achievement was to live to see the last fourteen years, during which he has done an immense service to Canada, toward the development of the great provinces of the West.

THE GOLDEN WEST.

"I think," he said to a Daily Mail representative yesterday, "that although I am in good health, I am entitled to some leisure now, but I shall continue to watch the development of the Grand Trunk Railway with great interest. I regret that it has not been possible to complete the transcontinental line to Prince Rupert, the western

"When the line is completed Prince Rupert is bound to become a great agricultural center. British Columbia is a splendid country, with a splendid climate, and the railway will result in a tremendous increase of activities there. The fertility is extraordinary, only comparable to that of the Nile Valley, is the country between Winnipeg and the Pacific. The country between the two countries is being populated and developed is astonishing. The difference that three years makes across population is astonishing. The country is not a word strong enough to express it.

"Central and Western Canada will

become one of the most glorious countries of the world, and I count it as my chief pride that I have taken part in developing this region."

**TRAFFIC ON NORTHERN
SECTION TO BE LIGHT**

Wm. Downie, divisional superintendent—

ent of the C. P. R., who has just returned from a trip on the northern route. General Banagar Leonard, said yesterday that traffic in that section would be considerably lessened this year. Traffic he said, would not be expected to be as good as last year. The crop had been a failure, the lumber cut would be small, and he was satisfied from observation that it must be expected that this year's business would be much less than last.

Mr. Leonard and Mr. Downie inspected the main line from Megalloway to McAdams, and then spent three days on the coast, where they were met by Mr. as far as Edmundston and Plaster Rock. Mr. Downie has received no definite word as yet as to the visit of Mr. McNeill to St. John. It is not unlikely, however, that he will reach here this week.

loaf affordable" should be served, one to each person. Connected with the bakery he would like to see a home and place of recreation for working men. He would like to see the city see the money used to build a summer resort for poor people in the Adirondacks and that his limitations be willing to furnish the land free.

A fund for the aid of poor inventors and the establishment of a bureau to conduct of experiment; also the establishment of a bureau for the increase of the remuneration of women scientists and higher grades, wherein they assume responsibilities equal to those who by men, are also suggested.

WHO MR. BURKE IS.

Mr. Burke, who is now 96 years of age, lives at No. 18 West Forty-seventh street. At the time he conceived the idea of giving his higher grades, wherein Abram S. Hewitt was his counsel, Mr.

Burke had been a broker in Wall street and an associate of Russell Sage, treasurer of the American B'nai B'rith. In regard to philanthropy he had not been heard of by the community at large either as a business man, a millionaire or a charity man.

Mr. Burke was desirous to devote his entire fortune to charity, reserving only for subsistence for the remainder of his life on a clause in his will that he should be allowed to give him enough money on which to live. Mr. Hewett dissuaded him from doing that, with the result that his bequest was reduced to \$4,000.00.

The recollection of this to \$4,000.00, the belief that after all it might turn out that Mr. Burke intended giving a million to some new form of charity.