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of his will. He had the faith and tenacity of purpose which, if they could not "remove mountains," at least could build a railway over them. It was that in the man which impressed his fellows—the dogged, steady persistence with which he followed his object till he had gained it.

His external bearing was mild and quiet but it concealed a spirit of adamant. Having once undertaken anything, committed himself to it, he was not to be turned from its accomplishment. With tireless energy, marvellous industry, careful audacity, he carried successfully through enterprises which others, of a more showy ability, had failed to complete. The dependability of the man, his conscientious and thorough performance of his duties, great or small, secured for him recognition and promotion from the officials of the Hudson Bay Company and afterwards from the great leaders in the political and financial world. And when men came to speak of him after he was dead, trying to appraise him at his true value and analyze his amazing success and discover the secret of his extraordinary rise there is a singular unanimity in their verdict. They all fasten upon this outstanding characteristic that whatever his hand found to do he did it with his might. He lost no time securing influence, pulling strings, enlisting doubtful help, but went straight at the thing to be done and did it. Such