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court to secure his advance. His only friend was himself and his only chance of advancement lay in doing so well whatever he was set to do that, as a matter of course, his fitness was recognized, and he was given something more important to do. It is a long way from a clerkship in a Hudson Bay post in Labrador, to the High Commissionership of Canada in London and a seat in the House of Lords, but he traversed that distance by the simple plan of fitting himself in one position for another higher up. And that plan is within reach of all.

"Only cheerful perseverance will bring you to a better position; grumbling won't help you an inch."

Caught in a blizzard and floundering through snow drifts, and uncertain where he was (but knowing he was a long way from his destination) many a time he realized the truth and wisdom of this declaration. In the stormy expeditions of his early days he had come through safely where others had failed, simply because he had learned this lesson, and was prepared to apply it. He would not give up. The cheerful spirit and the strong will drove the body on and compelled it to go through. And that same principle worked out in all his life. He had difficult tasks to perform, opposition to encounter, obstacles to overcome, but he cheerfully persevered. He was not to be turned back from his purpose whether it was to discharge some arduous duty in Labrador or some more important public duty in later life. The driving of the last spike in