

Michigan Central Railroad Company and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company, held at the general office building, Grand Central terminal, city of New York, on Tuesday the 18th day of November, 1913, Mr. William C. Brown having presented his resignation as president of the companies named, effective December 31, 1913, the following was presented and adopted:

"This board accepts with regret the resignation of President William C. Brown. When he joined our System he had been for thirty-two years in active railroad work. He had risen from the bottom through every grade of operation and administration to the highest positions in the important lines with which he was connected.

His demonstrated ability as vice president and general manager of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, led by rapid promotion to vice president in charge of operation and maintenance of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, vice president in charge of maintenance and operation of all the railroads in the Central System; senior vice president in charge of all the departments of the entire System, and president.

He had won all these positions through a wide and varied experience, hard work and close study. He was unusually equipped for its great responsibilities when he came to be the executive head of this System with its twelve thousand miles of railroad, extending through nine states and into the Dominion of Canada, and having in its employment one hundred and sixty thousand men. He has kept in harmony while maintaining discipline and efficiency with this great working force.

Under his administration the relations have been cordial between the railroads and the people in the territory which it serves. The business of the system has doubled in revenue and tonnage.

The vast construction and engineering work in the remodeling and remaking the New York terminal and station has been uninterruptedly carried on, and railway operators at home and abroad have expressed their admiration that difficulties have been so overcome that train service has been maintained, and the electrification of the Central in and about New York carried to completion without delaying or retarding the engineers, architects and contractors.

Mr. Brown has been a pioneer in agricultural experiments for the increase of the output of the farms, at the expense of and under the management of the railroad company. It brings the railroads and the farmers together for their mutual advantage.

At three score, and after forty-four years of unremitting labor in his chosen profession, Mr. Brown has earned the privilege of retirement from active and exacting responsibilities. He leaves this company carrying with him our highest respect for him as an official, and our warmest regard for him as a man. May he enjoy long years of health and happiness.

Resolved that this minute be engrossed and attested by the officers of the company and presented to Mr. Brown.

(Signed)

Chauncey M. Depew, Chairman,
D. W. Pardee, Secretary."

Since his retirement from active service Mr. Brown has continued as a member of the board of directors of several of the roads and makes occasional trips to New York to attend meetings and renew acquaintances of his many friends there, both in the service and in other lines of business; but his chief interest is in his farms and in the important subject of improved agriculture, to which he gave much attention during his railway life. He owns farms in Iowa, Colorado and California, the management of which gives him congenial and ample employment. Oaklawn Stock Farm, located on the bank of the Upper Iowa river, one mile north of the village of Lime Springs and the home of Mrs. Brown's grandfather, M. M. Marsh, is perhaps his favorite, and a more beautiful location or a finer farm could scarcely be found in the entire state. The farm residence is a solid, comfortable