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the trials and difficulties that had been met and overcome.

3. When all was ready, a big iron spike was placed in position, and from the company Sir Donald Smith, now Lord Strathcona, advanced, and took the heavy spike hammer in his hand. Without hesitation the stalwart arm descended in two powerful strokes, and sent home the spike even with the rail. Once more standing erect, the deep-set eyes looked about with a shrewd, kindly glance as the man who has done so much for Canada exclaimed, "Stand fast, Craig Ellachie!"

4. It is said that the phrase refers to a massive crag or mountain in Morayshire, Scotland, near the birthplace of Lord Strathcona, but without doubt the words were used figuratively to mean strength, power, and continued usefulness to the first Canadian trans-continental railway. In these few words the good wishes of the great promoter of the road were conveyed, and the simple ceremony that meant so much ended.

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