

Campbell, Attorney-General of Manitoba; S. Georgeson, President of the Winnipeg Board of Trade; John Aird, Bank of Commerce, Winnipeg; D. B. Hannah and Hugh Sutherland, of the C. N. R.; Mayor J. L. Matthews, George T. Marks, B. Clavet, H. A. Wiley, whose mine produced the silver spike used to mark the event; George Hodder, Colonel S. W. Ray, D. F. Burk, A. J. Gorrie, T. Woodside, T. S. White and D. Mills, of Port Arthur; and Mayor W. F. Hogarth, Peter McKellar and John T. Horne, of Fort William.

Speeches at Atikokan.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, and before the party left on the return trip to Port Arthur, several of the party were called upon for speeches. Mr. Conmee said it was the proudest moment of his life. He believed since the road was done that it would be one of the great trunk lines, and he believed, also, that the people of Canada as a whole would reap great benefits from the enterprise which had been so successfully carried out. The country to the West was, he said, a great producing country, and he predicted that the demands of the traffic would compel the double tracking of the road within 10 years, but, great as the traffic would be from the grain, the mineral and the timber through which the Eastern portion of the railway passed would provide even more traffic than would the great prairie to the West. The road, as one of the connecting links between the great West and the head of navigation, would tend to build up a great city as its eastern terminus in the near future.

Hon. E. J. Davis.

Honorable E. J. Davis also briefly responded to the request of the audience, expressing the unusual pleasure it afforded him to be present and take part in the formal ceremonies in connection with the opening of the road. He recalled with satisfaction the part which he took, when a private member of the legislature, in seconding the efforts of the deputation which came to Toronto to ask for Government assistance towards building the Ontario and Rainy River Railway. He had then realized the vast extent of the country served by the road and its magnificent resources. The difficulty which the Government experienced in assisting such enterprises was that the representatives of central constituencies had not realized the importance of furnishing facilities of transportation to the newer portions of the Province, and many difficulties were experienced in convincing them of the necessity of expending public funds for that