

J. Boulton, President, descended from the platform, and the spade was presented to her Ladyship by D. P. DeWitt, Esq., one of the Engineers; and the wheelbarrow was presented to His Excellency by M. C. Courtwright, Esq., one of the Contractors. After her Ladyship had removed the sod, and placed it in the barrow, His Excellency wheeled it a short distance, and discharged the contents, thus showing, that although dignified by rank and titles, he could, when the public weal required an example, condescend to the low estate of a navigator. The Earl and Countess then returned to the platform, followed by the dignitaries of the Railroad, and shortly afterwards, together with their suites, took their departure from the ground, amidst the enthusiastic cheers of the multitude.

The Spade used on the occasion, was a handsome piece of workmanship, the blade of solid silver, and beautifully ornamented—most creditable to the skill of the maker, Mr. Morrison, Jeweller, King Street. The Wheelbarrow was also very creditable to the mammoth workshop of those enterprising and highly respectable persons, Messrs. Jacques and Hay, King Street.

The event was celebrated by a Grand Ball and Supper, in the St. Lawrence Hall, in the evening. The work thus auspiciously commenced, is now regularly progressing, with the intention of having it completed to Lake Huron within two years of the date of breaking ground, according to contract.

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