

B. W. Smith, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Simcoe, Hugh Scobie, Esq., James Mitchell, Esq., and George Barrow, Esq., the other members of the Board. William Armson, Esq., who is also a Director of the Company, was unavoidably absent, owing to the necessity of his attending to official duties connected with Simcoe, of which County he has the honour of holding the distinguished office of Warden, and, in a letter addressed to the Committee, he expressed much regret that he was thus prevented from enjoying the peculiar pleasure of witnessing the turning of the first sod of a Railroad in which the County of Simcoe had so deep an interest, and in the accomplishment of which he had personally a strong feeling, as had been always shown. There were also on the platform, M. C. Courtwright, Esq., one of the enterprising Contractors for building this road, and Mr. DeWitt, one of the Engineers,—the other Contractors, M. C. Story, Esq., and his friends, having been unfortunately detained at Rochester by the change in the running of boats, arrived here only in time for the Ball in the evening,—in the festivities of which they entered with a degree of feeling which evidently showed that, although themselves strangers, they were pleased with other people's pleasures, and happy in their happiness.

Soon after three o'clock His Excellency was pleased to listen to the Address of the Directors, which was read by His Worship the Mayor, on their behalf, and as the representative of the civic body of Toronto, which was as follows:—

ADDRESS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K. T., Governor General of British North America, Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Directors of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Union Company, supported by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen of Toronto, and the citizens generally,