

VIRGINIA 'BOOSTERS'

TOUR RANGE TOWNS

Celebrate Extension of Great Northern Railway to Their City.

VIRGINIA, May 14.—Celebrating extension of passenger service by the Great Northern railway to Virginia more than 200 business men and "boosters" accompanied by the Virginia band of 50 pieces under the direction of H. O. Anhalt, today visited Bill, Chisholm, Hibbing, Tacoma, Sharon, Marble, Stephenson, Virginia, Nashwauk, Holman, Coleman, Eorey and Grand Rapids, on special train.

The train left Virginia at 8 o'clock morning, returning early tonight. At each stop a concert was given in each town on the route and descriptive literature advertising Virginia as the mining center of the Mesaba range distributed at each stop.

Attorney M. H. McMahon gave talks at each place regarding Virginia and its advantages and special literature had been distributed freely in the week, so that crowds greeted the arrival of the Virginia train at each station.

The local merchants have offered tickets to local theaters and to a Northern league baseball game between Virginia and Fargo for all citizens of the western Mesaba range. Trade at the Virginia stores on Saturday. The special train was run to celebrate the restoration of passenger service on the Great Northern road between Virginia and Grand Rapids.

The merchants have offered reduction of railway fare to shoppers coming to the city Monday and making any considerable purchase. Other excursions are being planned by the merchants to points along the St. Paul, Winnipeg & Pacific railroad to the eastern end of the range in the near future.

Harry J. George, Morris K. Baer and Thomas H. Moodie were the officers of the committee in charge of the excursion. The city council and merchants provided the funds for the trip.