

# VIRGINIA PLANS ROYAL WELCOME

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VIRGINIA, May 6.—The merchants of Virginia are planning a trade excursion for Monday, May 15, when the first passenger train in two years will be run over the Great Northern railway between Grand Rapids and Virginia. The merchants and Commercial club have worked incessantly to have this train service restored for the city and only recently succeeded in persuading the Great Northern to put it on.

People from Grand Rapids, Coleraine, Bovey, Taconite, Marble, Calumet, Nashwauk, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Hibbing, Chisholm, Buhl, Kinney and Stephenson will have a direct route to Virginia by this new train. Free fares to purchasers and free tickets to theaters and baseball games are planned by the merchants to encourage the people to come to Virginia. A meeting was held last night in the city hall, at which Max Lewis presided and Thomas Moodie acted as secretary. Sam Jereissatti and Thomas Moodie were named as the members of the finance committee and A. Phillips and B. N. Jereissatti as the members of the advertising committee.

The Virginia City band will be engaged to play Sunday concerts at all of the larger villages along the railway on Sunday, the day before the trade excursion, to advertise Virginia. The affair is being put on by the merchants and the Commercial club.

President Douglas Greely yesterday named special Commercial club committees to look into the problems considered at Thursday's meeting, as follows: Charity investigation, Sam Jereissatti, Ben Milavetz and Eli Williamson; Memorial day, W. H. Eaton, F. L. Schoening and B. J. Larsen; collection of dues, Lawrence Barrett, R. W. Johnson and O. A. Poirier; Fourth of July celebration, A. E. Bickford, C. L. Eaton, A. G. Flournoy, H. S. Gillespie and H. V. Peterson; delegates to Northern Minnesota Development association summer convention at Hibbing, Mayor Michael Boylan, M. A. Murphy and F. L. Schoening; entertainment of Modern Woodmen, Edward C. A. Johnson, E. D. Philbrick and Albert Hansen; to investigate possibility of securing a water softening plant, A. D. Heritage, J. L. Booth and J. G. Brandt.