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International Bridge at Sarnia To Be Opened to Traffic Today

Sarnia, Ont., October 7.—(P)—The \$1,750,000 Blue Water International Bridge, linking Port Huron, Mich., with Sarnia, will be formally opened to traffic tomorrow by Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan and Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario.

The St. Clair River span, a steel and concrete giant stretching 871 feet over water, is the seventh bridge joining Ontario and the United States. The others at Cornwall, Ivy Lea, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Queenston and Windsor.

Arrangements for celebrating the opening centred around the state and provincial government heads with virtually every public and semi-public organization in the Sarnia-Point Edward and Port Huron areas taking an active part. It will be a dawn-to-after-dark celebration on both sides of the river.

Long before Governor Murphy and Premier Hepburn arrive at the bridge-head for the official ceremony, scheduled to start at noon, thousands of Canadians will have crossed the bridge and the day's programme will be well under way.

Greetings will be exchanged between Mayor Charles Rettie of Port Huron and Mayor Fred Pelling of Sarnia and Reeve David Ross of Point Edward. A University of Western Ontario four-man relay team will carry the Canadian greetings from the bridge-centre to Port Huron's city hall. An American relay team will run to the Lambton County court house.

Religious services will be conducted by representatives of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish

faiths, a peace plaque will be unveiled by the Lambton County Women's Institute and 700 members of the Canadian Legion will parade to the bridge from City Hall before the Government dignitaries arrive.

The Premier and his party, among whom will be Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Ontario Minister of Highways, will head the official Canadian delegation of more than 100 persons who cross the bridge for the opening exercises at the Port Huron plaza.

Included in the delegation will be Ontario and Dominion Members of Parliament for Lambton East and West, the entire Lambton County Council, Point Edward Village Council, Sarnia City Council and their wives. Premier Hepburn will inspect a guard of honor before crossing the bridge in company with Governor Murphy who crosses to welcome him.

Following the ceremony of dedication and cutting of a ribbon to symbolize the opening of the bridge for traffic, Sarnia Chamber of Commerce will give a complimentary luncheon to Premier Hepburn and Mr. McQuesten.

A night football game here between Sarnia Collegiate and Port Huron High School and fireworks will conclude the festivities.

Work on the bridge approaches started in December and the structure was ready for dedication in August when President Roosevelt found it impossible to attend. Cost of the approaches was borne by the Michigan Bridge Commission and the Ontario Department of Highways, while the centre span was financed by the sale of bonds.

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