

E. Kildonan's Curtis Hotel Opens Doors

East Kildonan's first hotel, the Curtis, officially opened its doors Tuesday.

In a short ceremony, Mayor Les Bodie of East Kildonan was presented with the only key to the \$400,000 hotel's front door by E. J. Ryland, manager.

Only the hotel's basement, which will house a large modern banquet room, had not passed the plastering stage Tuesday evening.

The fireproof Curtis has 31 fully-carpeted rooms with bath, shower and toilet. Fifteen are single rooms, while the remainder can be converted into two-room suites.

The two-storey hotel has facilities for three dining rooms, in addition to the 350-seat banquet room and one of Greater Winnipeg's largest beverage rooms.

The brick and tile building, designed by Green, Blankstein and Russell, is set well back on a three-acre lot on Henderson highway near the boundary of North Kildonan. The parking lot will accommodate 500 vehicles.

An air-conditioned coffee shop seating about 40 is off the lobby.