

# Twice-Defeated Disraeli Bridge Is Now Open

The Disraeli bridge, which twice met defeat at the hands of Winnipeg ratepayers, was officially opened Tuesday morning — giving metropolitan Winnipeg a brand new traffic artery over the Red River to the downtown area.

Finally built by the provincial government, the bridge has a companion piece — the Disraeli Freeway, which is still to be completed. The freeway was finally approved by ratepayers after the river crossing itself was started.

The bridge was the second new crossing of Greater Winnipeg's rivers since 1917.

The 11 a.m. opening ceremony took place on the centre span to the music of bagpipes and the whoosh of rockets.

The musical color was provided by the Winnipeg Police Pipe Band. The rockets — three of them — were fired in honor of the three governments which shared in the cost of the bridge: Winnipeg, East Kildonan and Manitoba.

Premier Duff Roblin and Mayor Stephen Juba of Winnipeg snipped the ceremonial ribbon and declared the bridge officially open. About 150 invited guests looked on.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony came after Mayor George Suttle of East Kildonan walked, with his city council, from the north end of the bridge to join Winnipeg officials who came from the south end. The two councils joined forces in the centre of the bridge where the gold shears were presented to

the premier and Mayor Juba by senior engineering officials of the province and city.

Following the ceremony the guests were provided with a police escort to the Fort Garry Hotel where a civic reception and luncheon were held.

Speakers at the luncheon were George Collins, deputy minister of public works, and W. D. Hurst, Winnipeg city engineer.

A featured dish on the luncheon menu was Cream Of Chicken Disraeli.

## \$687,000

# Winter Works Aim

Winnipeg is aiming at \$687,000 worth of winter works projects this winter. Of this total, \$112,000 would be labor costs which the federal government would share.

The city will also send a delegation to the provincial minister of labor to find out whether the province intends to contribute toward any municipal winter works programs undertaken in Manitoba this year. Last winter the province assisted in the projects but the government has made no announcement of any such intention this winter.