

Three first year teachers of the Ontario School for the Deaf view main entrance of the new Junior School which, with new students' residence, was officially opened Monday afternoon by Hon.

William J. Dunlop, Minister of Education. Admiring new school are Mayme Parking, Margaret Henry and Lois Blackburn.

Lay Cornerstone of O.S.D. Buildings Then Declare Them Officially Opened

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Monday afternoon afforded the opportunity for several hundred Belleville residents and their guests to witness a ceremony unique both to the community and to the Ontario Department of Public Works. The laying of the cornerstone and the official opening of the newly-completed Junior School and students' residence for the Ontario School for the Deaf were completed on the same day. Within minutes of W. Elmer Sandercock, MPP for Hastings West, declaring the cornerstone "well and truly laid," the Honorable W. J. Dunlop, Minister of Education for Ontario, announced that the building was "duly, formally, and officially opened."

Other highlights of the dual ceremony were the presentation of a silver trowel for the cornerstone laying to W. Elmer Sandercock, MPP, by Mr. Chester C. Woods, architect of the new building, and the presentation of a gold key for the opening of the building to the Hon. W. J. Dunlop, Minister of Education, by Mr. Nimmo Mitchell, Director of Publicity for the Ontario Department of Public Works who represented the Hon. J. N. Allan, Minister of Public Works, in the latter's absence.

Mr. Mitchell gave a short address concerning the advantages of a new structure which will allow accommodation of 120 new students at the School. These students will be between the ages of and ten years. He pointed

out that several other buildings were being constructed by the Department of Public Works at the School. These include a new laundry building, a new power house, and a new residential staff dormitory to accommodate forty-four staff members. These buildings are provided by Department of Public Works, which is the "landlord of the province," for the Department of Education.

OTHER PROJECTS NAMED

Mention was also made of other projects undertaken by the Department of Public Works for the Department of Education, including new teachers' college buildings in London, Hamilton and Toronto; a new Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology for Port Arthur and Fort William, and

the two new units in the new building group for the Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto.

The Hon. W. J. Dunlop also spoke briefly, dwelling on the reason for holding such ceremonies as being an opportunity for both thanking all the many persons involved in the erection of the building and for informing the public that the building was open and progress had advanced another step. He noted that these improved educational facilities had been completed one month ahead of schedule by the contractor, Mr. H. J. McFarland of Picton. Mr. Dunlop mentioned the new school for the deaf, which was being constructed in Milton as a residential school. He attributed the

Special thanks were extended to Mr. Demeza, to the many individuals who were responsible for the inauguration, design, and completion of the new facilities. He declared that the school would be holding an open house later on when more of the area residents would be able to see first hand the facilities offered by the school. An invitation was then extended to those present to tour the new building and to have tea in the new dining hall.

The ceremony was chaired most ably by Mr. C. F. Cannon, Chief Director of Education for the province, who gave a brief history of the 88 year old school. He stated that the new additions would make the Belleville school one of the largest and most well-equipped schools for the deaf in North America. The Deputy Minister of Education, F. S. Rivers, placed a sealed box containing amongst other items, a copy of the school's publication, the "Canadian", copies of the speakers' addresses, a program of the ceremony, and a copy of October sixth's edition of The Ontario Intelligencer.

Also participating in the dual ceremony were the Very Reverend L. B. Garvin of St. Michael's Parish, who gave the invocation; and Dr. A. E. MacKenzie, Principal of Albert College, who pronounced the benediction. The arrangements for the ceremony were made by Mr. Nimmo Mitchell, Director of Publicity for the Department of Public Works, assisted by Mr. Thomas Montague, formerly of Belleville.