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**PORTRAITS OF PAST PREMIERS  
TO BE UNVEILED AT 'OPENING'**

Two handsome portraits bearing the likenesses of Hon. John Bracken and Hon. Stuart S. Garson, Q.C., will be unveiled Tuesday before the traditional Speaker's reception to be held following the opening of the Manitoba Legislature.

The two former premiers, who between them contributed 66 years of leadership to the people of Manitoba, will watch with their families as the portraits are unveiled by His Honor, Errick F. Willis, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

The portraits will be hung in one of the main committee rooms of the Legislative Building. The portraits, commissioned by the government, are the most recent additions to a collection of 13 portraits of past premiers. These are hung in various public rooms throughout the building.

The portrait of Mr. Bracken, who served as premier from August 8, 1922, to January 8, 1943, was painted by Toronto artist C.W. Kettlewell. The subject is depicted against a background of golden wheat and vibrant prairie sky.

Mr. Garson, premier of Manitoba from January 8, 1943, to November 7, 1948, has been captured on canvas by Winnipeg artist Newton Brett. The sympathetic likeness in oils shows Mr. Garson seated beside his desk.

Mr. Brett is a member of the Winnipeg Sketch Club and a former staff artist for a Winnipeg engraving firm. He is well-known for his portraits of former Speakers, as well as portraits of several previous mayors of Winnipeg, and as a landscape artist.

His paintings have been exhibited by the Manitoba Society of Artists. Mr. Brett has served as a director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery and as chairman of the Gallery's acquisitions committee.

The brief unveiling ceremony will also be witnessed by Mrs. Bracken, and Mrs. Garson, wives of the previous premiers. Guests of honor will include Miss Eleanor Garson, Mr. J. Bruce Bracken and Mrs. Bracken, Dr. Douglas A. Bracken and Mrs. Bracken, and their three children, Robert Bruce, Florence Alice Gwendolyn, and Richard Ramsay.

The ceremony will be held in Room 200 immediately following opening-day activities in the House