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QUEEN APPROVES  
MANITOBA FLAG

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Red Ensign With Provincial  
Coat-Of-Arms Is Accepted

Royal approval has been given to Manitoba's proposed provincial flag -- the Red Ensign bearing the provincial coat-of-arms -- thus paving the way for formal proclamation of the Provincial Flag Act, Premier Roblin has announced.

Mr. Roblin said the required document for forwarding to the Queen had been prepared by the Garter King at Arms, and that the flag was duly approved by Her Majesty. The original document, bearing the coloured copy of the flag, its descriptive information, and the Queen's signature, was returned to "Garter" early this week for recording in the College of Arms.

Premier Roblin said arrangements now were underway for the ordering of the now-approved flag, and that its proclamation and formal unveiling would be proceeded with when sufficient flags were on hand.

He said there would be a central ceremony at the Legislative building with plans for simultaneous ceremonies throughout the province.

"This will be an historic occasion," he declared, "and we propose to do full honour to a flag that carries so much tradition with it."

The premier said that with the creation of the new Canadian flag -- "our symbol of national unity" -- it enabled the province, on its part, to preserve the traditions and affection for the historic Ensign.

The Ensign has long been part of the heritage of Manitoba. It was on the present-day Manitoba shore at Hudson Bay that the "Great Union Flag", as it was then constituted, first flew over the mainland of continental North America. It was planted there in 1612 by Captain Thomas Button.