200 From Canada To Visit Teche Country In April

10,000 Expected At Unveiling of Evangeline Statue

Plans for the entertainment of a delegation of Acadians coming from Montreal and Moncton to visit Louisiana in April are being made by Dudley J. LeBlanc, president of the Association of Louisiana Acadians, who headed a delegation from South Louisiana last spring to Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, to attend the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the expulsion of the Acadians from their native homes.

The Acadians will leave Montreal and Moncton on special trains and will meet at New Orleans on April 15. The delegation, numbering approximately 200, will be taken through the Evangeline Country and will be provided with a continual round of entertainment. Climaxing the visit will be the unveiling ceremonies of the Evangeline Statue at Evangeline's grave in St. Martinville.

Over 10,000 Acadians and residents of this section are expected to attend the unveiling ceremonies at St. Martinville on Sunday, April 29.

The proposed itinerary follows:

Thursday, April 18—Leave New Orleans; Dinner at Morgan City; Supper at Abbeville.

Friday, April 19—Mass at Abbeville; Visit to Kaplan, Erath, DeRidder, Jefferson Island, and other cities; Dinner at Celahula Lake; Banquet and Reception at Lafayette.

Saturday, April 20—Mass at St. John's Cathedral by Bishop Jean-Marie; Sight-seeing tour to Scott, Opelousas, Erath, and other cities; Dinner at Mamou; Reception Banquet at St. Martinville.

Sunday, April 21—Mass at St. Martinville; Unveiling of Evangeline Statue; Banquet Reception at New Iberia.

Monday, April 22—Mass at New Iberia; Visit to Avery Island including salt mines and garden preserve; Dinner at Houma; Reception at Napoleonville; Banquet Dinner at Thibodaux.

Tuesday, April 23—New Orleans; Sight-seeing tour.