CANADIAN DELEGATION ON TOUR OF LOUISIANA WILL BE HERE FRIDAY, APRIL 17

200 or More Acadians to be Entertained at Banquet in This City

Statue Unveiling Feature of Tour

Cities in South Louisiana Prepare Entertainments for Visitors

Final plans were made here this week for the entertainment on Friday, April 17, of the 200 or more Canadian Acadians who will visit Louisiana this month on their pilgrimage which will be climaxEd on April 19, with the unveiling ceremonies of Evangeline’s Statue at St. Martinville.

The delegation will arrive in New Orleans Thursday, April 16, and will board buses to travel on their route which will take them through hundreds of cities in the Teche and Evangeline Country. Several cities are preparing programs for the entertainment of the visitors. The party will remain in this section for the unveiling of Evangeline’s statue at St. Martinville on Sunday, April 19, and will return to New Orleans on Monday, April 20, where they will board special trains to return to their respective cities in Canada.

The Houston, I. & T., will make special arrangements for making these trains available.

In the afternoon the delegation will be welcomed at Lafayette, with a program which will be held on the St. John’s Cathedral grounds. Bishop Jeanneaud, Mayor J. Gilbert St. Julien, and other officials of this city together with other local speakers will welcome the group. Lafayette will be decorated for the occasion. A banquet is scheduled for Friday night which will be preceded by a French play “Le Docteur” prepared especially for the visitors by Les Lus Louisianais, local French Club. Among the local speakers at the banquet are Bishop Jeanneaud, Robert L. Morton, mayor-elect; T. M. Calahan, Mayor J. Gilbert St. Julien, Bennett Voorhies and J. Max.

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See Roy. The party will spend the night in Lafayette and they will resume their tour early Saturday morning.

Among the prominent visitors coming from Canada are M. Ed. Jeanneaud, Bishop, of St. Jeanneaud, French Council of Canada; M. Eug. jeanneaud, Armeard, Acadian Catholic Bishop of Verdun Canada; Alfred Roy, Editor of L’Evangeliste de Moncton, N. B.; Chief Justice Arthur LeBlanc, of the Supreme Court of Canada; Umer Heron, Editor of LaVeuve, of Montreal, J. P. Maracle, General Agent of the Canadian Railway, Montreal; A. T. Leary, Attorney General for the Province of Nova Scotia; George Matthew Adams, New York City writer, and others.

Following their round of receptions which will be held at the various cities that are included in the itinerary, the delegation will leave Saturday afternoon at St. Martinville remaining there over night to take part in the unveiling of Evangeline’s statue. A social event is planned for the entertainment at Martinville. At 10 o’clock Sunday morning the mid-day service will take place in the Catholic Church, second largest in the state. Monsignor Armeard Richard will be celebrated with Bishop Jeanneaud and the Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus in full regalia participating.

Unveiling of the statue will take place at ceremonies beginning at 1:00 Sunday afternoon. Monsignor Joseph Aumeister, Bishop of Montreal will unveil the statue. Among the speakers who will participate in the unveiling ceremonies are Hose P. LeRoy, Governor and United States Senator Elze, Judge James D. Simon of St. Martinville; Sheriff Wade O. Martin of St. Martin Parish; Andre Lafarge of New Orleans; C. T. Bienvenu of St. Martinville; Bishop J. LeBlanc Public Service Commissioner and President of the Association of Louisiana Acadians, and Canadian speakers including Monsignor Armeard Richard, Judge Arthur LeBlanc and others.