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French TV Station To Open April 24

The CBC's satellite French television station — CBWFT — in Winnipeg will go into action Sunday, April 24, on Channel 6. J. R. Finlay, CBC director for the prairies, announced during the weekend.

The official opening, scheduled to take place between 3 and 4 p.m., will probably be attended by J. Alphonse Ouimet, CBC president. A ceremony and concert are planned for the Notre Dame Auditorium, St. Boniface.

CBWFT will be a basic station of the French network but, because the microwave distribution of French TV does not extend as far west as Winnipeg, it will receive service by videotape and film on a one-week delayed basis.

AFTERNOON AND EVENINGS

The station will operate on weekdays from 4 p.m. to about midnight and on Sundays from 2 p.m.

Beginning April 24 French language programs which have been seen on CBWT on Saturdays and Sundays will be transferred to CBWFT and replaced by English service.

In announcing the opening Mr. Finlay said that the CBC's French

television network service is unique, having the largest volume of live French-language production in the world. The scope of programs should have interest for many English-speaking viewers, he said.

SAME TOWER

CBWFT's transmitter has been installed in the CBC building, 341 Portage Avenue, and will use the same tower and antenna as CBWT.

The French satellite will operate under the administration of Mr. Finlay as regional director and W. G. Carpentier, CBC director of television for the prairie provinces.

Leo Remillard, formerly co-ordinator of French programs at Winnipeg, will become program director of the new station.

Snatcher Gets \$6

A purse containing \$6 was grabbed out of the hands of Jonania Jorundson, 59, of 102 Devonshire Apartments, by a young man as she was walking south on Ellice Avenue at Edmonton Street at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The woman was unharmed by the youth who ran away after he snatched the purse.