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One of the first ice bridges in Saskatchewan was put into operation at a special ceremony this week near Borden and the task of moving 192,000 cubic metres of earth excavation across it has begun.

On Dec. 9, Nemanishen Contracting Ltd. started the construction of the four foot thick ice bridge. Peter Nemanishen, owner of the Langham based company, said the bridge was made with over 151/16 inch steel cables, covered by wooden beams and then flooded until it was thick enough to with hold the weight of the 110,000 pound machines that will travel across the ice.

Highways and Transportation Minister Jim Garner, a passenger in the first motorscraper that crossed the ice, said he was pleased with the ice bridge and the construction company showed initiative and incentive in proposing the project. He said it appears operation is running efficiently and work may possibly be completed ahead of schedule which would save tax dollars.

The contractor started the earth moving operations in September, 1983 and to date 200,000 cubic metres of earth has been moved, largely

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