

PRINCESS OPENS BRIDGE.

Time has condemned the famous old transporter bridge between Runcorn and Widnes, which has given faithful service since 1905. In those days, it was rightly regarded as a fine piece of mechanical invention. Nowadays it is hopelessly inadequate to traffic demands. Hence, it has been replaced by a superb span-arch bridge at a cost of three-million pounds. To declare it open came Princess Alexandra, who is now very capably and charmingly performing many Royal duties. During her brief stay in Lancashire she won the hearts of millions of people.

The Princess was escorted to the commemorative plaque, to carry out the ceremonial unveiling.

Local V.I.P.s proudly informed H.R.H. that the main span of 1082 feet is the longest in Europe. Indeed only those of Sydney Harbour and the Bayonne Bridge in New York State exceed its length.

Crossing the Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey, the new bridge will considerably speed up the heavy traffic.