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BRIDGE HAT TRICK - - H.R.H. The Prince of Wales inaugurates
Thames new bridges at Chiswick, Twickenham and Hampton Court.

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Picture.:- The day is very hot, and the Prince is very
busy. Three new Thames Bridges to open, and this is the
first, Chiswick. His Royal Highness--

--inspects the guard of honour from local British Legion
Branches before moving forward to the official tape--

--cutting ceremony. He is accompanied by, among others,
the Lord Lieutenants of Middlesex and Surrey, and the
two high sheriffs--

--of the counties. A pair of specially designed scissors
bearing the image of the Middlesex and Surrey County Arms
are handed to the Prince by Mr. Dryland, engineer to
the Middlesex County Council. The cutting of the tape
formally opens the new--

-- Bridge. At a cost of twenty-thousand pounds the
erection of this fine bridge has been completed in
record time. Sir Herbert Baker is its designer.

The Prince is the first to pass over the new
span after its official opening. The new route
will bear most of the car--

--traffic escaping from London to the North
and will relieve the congestion--

--of the great West Road, and the Portsmouth--

--road. Enthusiastic cheers follow the Prince
as he leaves for the next Bridge - - Twickenham.

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Picture.:-

The Prince goes from cheer to sheer. On arrival at Twickenham he is welcomed by three Mayors. Mr. Murray Phillipson M.P. presents Mr. Maxwell Ayrton, architect and--

--others, including a foreman carpenter and a--
--labourer. The scissors come into action for the 2nd time, and Father Thames--

--requires another new Bridge. A setting of--
--considerable beauty adds to its grace.

Its cost was one-hundred-and ninety-thousand pounds. By the way, I--

--said Chiswick Bridge cost twenty-thousand. I should have said two-hundred-thousand--

--but what's a nought or so between friends, and now for Hampton Court !

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BRIDGE HAT TRICK - -

Picture:-

Historic Hampton Court is made the scene of the principal ceremony and--

--it is estimated that at least fifty-thousand people are present as His Royal--

--Highness uses the now famous scissors for the third time. Sir Edwin Lutyens, the architect--

--stands by and sees the tremendous enthusiasm which--

--is let loose as the crown is placed--

--upon his latest work. The Prince starts his--

--walk over his third and last bridge. Three are almost--

--enough for one day. It is an outstanding event and without precedent in the history of

--any of the world's great waterways. Small wonder the Prince congratulated--

--the County Councils concerned on the achievement. A bridge hat trick !