

Star - 26-11-32.

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OPENING OF NEW STATION

BEAUTIFUL INTERIOR

At 6 o'clock last evening Johannesburg's new station was opened to the public for the first time.

The station is a fine building. All day men were busy putting the finishing touches to the concourse. Porters were rushing about with office fittings. Workmen were putting the last paint or polish on the woodwork, and natives were washing the marble steps, and the beautiful parquet floor. The two fountains were playing.

To-night a band will be in attendance, and the new tea room and bar will be open. The marble dining room will be opened at 7 o'clock. All the tables have already been booked. Mr. J. R. More, the general manager, will be present.

The dining room, the bar, and the cocktail lounge are to the right as one enters the concourse. On the left are the waiting rooms. The booking offices are in the centre. Behind the booking office are a hairdressing saloon, a sweet stall, bookstall, tobacco counter, wine bar, and fruit and flower shop. Straight ahead is the entrance to the main subway, which gives easy access to the platforms.

In the concourse are paintings around the walls of representative South African scenes, by Mr. Pierneef, and exquisite brickwork.

The interior of the new station is a triumph for the architects, the builder, and the railway management.