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TORONTO'S SUBWAYS.

One of the most acute questions in municipal politics in the city of Toronto has been the transportation matters. Candidates for public offices have made claim for consideration because of their advanced ideas on the matter of subway transportation. Just now the company holding the franchise for operating city railways is endeavoring to simplify surface transportation. While the municipal politicians are endeavoring to unite on a possible solution, and while the City Railway Company management is making efforts to handle the increased number of travellers without increased facilities, the citizens of Toronto and Toronto's visitors are not receiving that consideration to which they are justly entitled.

There are three directions from which one may approach Toronto on well-equipped interurban lines, and, while Toronto has been fighting the Street Railway, splendid opportunities for the centering of this interurban traffic in the heart of the city have been lost. Toronto's growth and development now depends upon the facilities with which she is fed from the outlying districts, and it is gratifying to notice that one of the leaders in municipal matters has requested that plans and specifications be prepared upon which private companies may bid and state the terms upon which they will be willing to construct subways and operate subway cars from the western limits of Toronto to the centre of the city.

ENGINEERS' CLUB, TORONTO.

For almost a year the engineers of the city of Toronto have been working on a scheme by means of which they hope to bring under one roof the headquarters of the leading technical societies of the city.

The growth of Toronto in the business and financial centre has increased the desirability of Toronto as the centre for architects and engineers, and it has been felt for some time that they should have, in addition to a common meeting room and technical library, suitable club quarters where they might meet socially.

That the wish of the men who years ago organized the Engineers' Club of Toronto should be about to be realized must be not only gratifying to them, but to the men who, since its organization, have been closely identified with the club. In their new quarters, with permanent secretary and the nucleus for a splendid technical library, the organization will have facilities for reference work and club quarters such as will appeal to every man interested in the development of the country and in the work of the technically trained man.

PROSPERITY ON CANADIAN RAILWAYS.

The last returns from the United States railroads shows that the earnings for September and for the three months ending with September have not indicated that increase that they anticipated. The average gross gain on forty-eight United States railroads for September was 5.70 per cent., and the net showings indicate a decrease of almost .20 per cent., while for the three months the same roads show a gross gain of 6.59 per cent., with an average net decrease of 6.80 per cent. The showings of two of the large Canadian roads, the C.P.R. and the Canadian Northern, is vastly different, although the Grand Trunk, because of the strike, did not do much better than the American roads.