

length of this road is ten miles, and it is expected to supply rapid transit for the greatly developing districts around the Junction and Carlton.

The construction of the Yonge street loop will proceed immediately. The other will also go on as soon as the landowners in the western district give it favorable consideration and reasonable assistance.

"What effect on the distribution of our population will the road have, Mr. Edgar?"

"I look on the construction of a belt line in Toronto as a sort of completion of the city as regards the facilities needed for a great centre of population. The position of our city is exceptionally favorable to such a proposal. Take Buffalo as an example of what I want to convey when I say that we are exceptionally situated. In that city the land lies almost dead level, the street car tracks run out from the centre like spokes from the hub of a wheel, the tire of which is the belt line. The street car lines thus do a great deal of traffic that in Toronto would fall to the Belt Line, for in this city the land rises to quite a height northward, and there is a difficulty in obtaining street car service over the ridge. This accounts for the fact that most of the cars run east and west and so few north and south. Now, by means of the light engines specially provided by the G.T.R. for the service, the difficulty will be surmounted. Within the scope of the line there is a rise of 335 feet above the waters of the bay, and in no city with which I am acquainted is there a finer suburban district than the high land that would thus be within speedy access from the city. We have a great advantage, of course, in that we secured the use of the existing lines along the city front."

"What effect will the line have on the grounds of Mount Pleasant?"

"It will pass through the ravine to the east of the cemetery at a point nearly one-fourth of a mile from the present places of interment. It is proposed to locate Merton Street Station at a point near the burying grounds and to have a funeral car such as is now used in all large cities. That would mean the

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