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TO PLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL TOWER IN HARVARD SQUARE

Deadlock Between Elevated Railway, Taxis, Merchants Remains--Lights To Be Placed at Street Corners

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Harvard Square traffic difficulties are soon to be relieved by a new plan that has been offered by the Cambridge Committee on Traffic Problems. The system proposed will not do away with the Boston Elevated rotunda in the center of the Square. A traffic signal tower is to be placed close to the rotunda, with individual signals on the adjacent corners, to aid the problem of the crosswalk.

It was expected that the committee would offer some plan to alleviate the crowded parking conditions caused by the taxis and the bus-stop in the center of the Square. The present scheme, however, will take care of moving traffic only. The City Government will probably appropriate funds for the project in the near future.

This action is the result of a discussion on Square conditions that was held a year ago. At that time, representatives from the University, members of the Cambridge city government, the Harvard Square Business Men's Association, and local taxi companies met at the Cambridge City Hall to talk over the traffic conditions in Harvard Square and around the Yard. Officials present at that meeting divided on the method of bettering the dangerous conditions. They sided with the University's suggestion to remove the subway rotunda from the center of the Square and to prohibit the loading and unloading of buses at that point. Another group supported the Boston Elevated Company in its desire to remove the taxi stands from the space around the rotunda platform so that the company's buses could stop at the platform.

A proposal was made by C. R. Apter '06, caretaker of the University, to utilize an entrance to the subway now concealed by Foster's Restaurant. Before the rotunda was built, plans were made to have three exits or entrances, one next to Lehman Hall, the only one of the three now in use; one on the site of the tobacco shop on the corner adjoining the Harvard Cooperative Society Building; and one where Foster's Restaurant now stands, and these last two passageways were constructed and are now ready to use. However, the report of the committee has stated nothing concerning the betterment of parking conditions at the present time.