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# NEW FREIGHT DEPOT

## NORTHWESTERN PLANNING FOR BIG NEW STRUCTURE NEXT SPRING.

Secure Several Tracts of Land on Cedar Street Near the Present Depot. Will Begin Construction Next March.

Rockford is to have one of the largest and finest freight depots in any interior city.

This was made certain this forenoon by the filing of deeds to several tracts of property, conveying title to the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. It is understood that the Northwestern has secured all the land it needs for the construction of a new freight depot and that one will be built next spring.

A. T. Golly, agent of the Northwestern in Rockford, said that he had received no official statement from the road that a new freight depot was contemplated. He stated, however, that the news was probably correct and that the land department had had the move under consideration for some time. Supt. J. F. Cleveland of the department has given the matter much attention and some of his subordinates have visited Rockford and freight traffic handled by the Northwestern in this city has made larger quarters imperative.

The new depot, it is understood, will run the entire block on Cedar street, from Church to Court. It will be built according to the most modern ideas in warehouse building and will also combine the best track facilities obtainable.

Among the tracts of land secured by the Northwestern are those recently held by the Fred Miller Brewing company, the Union Foundry Co., the Skandia Plow Co., and the Anderson tract. This land gives the company the property that it needs for the improvement, which means a handsome addition to the railroad interests of this city.

It is expected that one of the benefits which will come along with the new depot will be the improvement of Cedar street. The street has been in wretched condition for a long time and efforts to make improvement have been met with coldness on the part of the recent property owners. When the Northwestern occupies the south frontage with a sightly freight depot, a building especially requiring easy and safe street access, the street improvement will quickly follow.

One of the tenants has the use of property now occupied until March 15, next year. It is expected that the Northwestern will begin work on the construction of the new depot about that time.

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