

\$8,000,000 HOTEL FOR BOSTON SOON

Statler Co. Buys 58,000 Square Feet for 1,200-Room Structure in Back Bay District.

OLD NEW HAVEN DEPOT SITE

Plans, Prepared by New York Architects, Provide for Ten-Story Building.

Boston is to have the largest hotel in the world outside of New York City. It will be built in the heart of the Back Bay district by the Hotel Statler Company and its estimated cost is put at \$8,000,000, including land and furnishings.

Plans have been completed and ground for the structure will be broken at once.

The site chosen for the seventh Statler hotel by E. M. Statler, President of the company, was purchased from the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. It embraces 58,000 square feet at the intersection of Providence Street, St. James Avenue, Arlington Street and Columbus Avenue. For years it was the site of the old New York, New Haven & Hartford depot, but has been vacant since the depot was put on its new site. The hotel plot has a subway connection and is only a block from the Boston Common and Public Gardens. An option on the site expired last week and immediately Mr. Statler opened negotiations to buy the site. Last Tuesday he conferred in New York with Arthur P. Russell of Boston, Vice President of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, and with the Real Estate Committee of that company. The terms of sale were agreed upon and approved by the board.

Announcing the plans for the new hotel, Mr. Statler said yesterday: "The site was selected because it presented more favorable advantages than any of the many sites under consideration. Both I and my associates were impressed by the sincerity of the desire of the Boston people to have our company build a large, new, modern hotel in their city. This feeling was particularly evidenced to us at the dinner at the Algonquin Club on Saturday night, when not only Mayor Curley but prominent men from nearly every line of business expressed their interest and support of such a project."

According to tentative plans, which have been prepared by George B. Post & Sons, of New York, the hotel will contain about 1,200 rooms and the building will be as high as the city building code will permit, about ten stories above the ground.

There will be stores on the frontage along not only Providence Street, but also St. James Avenue and on Arlington Street.

The hotel will contain a spacious lobby, a formal dining room, grill room and other restaurants; a large ball-room, banquet hall and private dining rooms.

The Statler Company has under construction in Buffalo a hotel of 1,100 rooms. It operates the largest hotel in the world, Hotel Pennsylvania, in New York, with 2,200 rooms.