

MODEL ROAD GETS A 'RIGHT OF WAY'

One-Mile, 'O' Gauge Railway to Move Into Lackawanna's Hoboken Terminal

"High officials" of the Union Connecting Railroad, a one mile "O" gauge system, will meet today with representatives of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, a 1,000-mile, Class I carrier, to sign a long-term lease for a new home in the latter's Hoboken, N. J., terminal.

This ceremony, according to K. P. Kallman, spokesman for the New York Society of Model Engineers, operators of the crack model road, one of the largest and oldest of its kind in the country, will mark the end of a long and weary quest for a new "right of way." The search began last fall when the society was notified that it must vacate its quarters in the basement of the building at 51 West Thirty-fifth Street. However, a stay of the eviction order was obtained until Jan. 1.

Then almost at the eleventh hour, the Lackawanna, hearing of the society's difficulties, came forward with an offer to lease about 9,000 square feet of space at the north end of the upper concourse in its Hoboken terminal. The offer was quickly accepted by the membership, happy at the prospect of getting out of basements at last. In its twenty-year history, the organization has had three other Manhattan homes, one being in the old Knickerbocker Building at 152 West Forty-second Street.

The greater part of the space in the new home will house the Union Connecting Railroad, or "UCON," as it is called. This is built to a scale of one-quarter inch to one foot. Provision also will be made for a model race track for testing and racing miniature power boats, planes and racing cars. Likewise, space will be set aside for the Frank J. Sprague Memorial Library which honors the inventor of multiple-unit car control.