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## TUNNELING THE MAIN DRIVE

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The grade of the Park Boulevard Will Be Raised Six Feet in One Section.

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WORKING ON THE NEW MUSIC STAND.

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There Will be Several Large Underground Passages Leading to the Grand Court.

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For the past week a large force of men have been busy tearing up the main drive of the Park with plows. By Sunday the drive, for a distance of 400 to 500 feet, close to the museum, will be impassable. In consequence the teams will have to drive through a small avenue and around the grand court in order to reach a road on the other side of the museum leading into the main drive, half a mile nearer the beach.

The alterations are being made for the purpose of constructing a large tunnel that will run under the main drive from Ninth avenue into the grand court, which is now being converted into the future location of the music stand.

To successfully build this tunnel the raising of the grade of the main drive at this point will be necessary. In consequence the men are now arranging to build the road at least six feet height than it is at the present. The increase in the grade will run for a distance of about 150 yards. The Superintendent of Park thinks the work will be complete within a month.

Work on the tunnel proper will began next Monday. A huge ditch will be dug through the main drive and adjoining land over to the section of the grand court at which the electric fountain was located. When complete the tunnel will be 130 feet in length, 20 feet in width and 20 feet high. It will be finished on the inside with cement, laid on in a manor representing stone blocks.

**Among the improvements that have been made in this section of the Park, which within a year will be the center attraction in the city's playground, are two tunnels leading from the grand court to the roads on the way to the aviary and the children's playground. These tunnels are each about 100 feet in length, and large enough to allow quite a number of people to pass through at one time.**

"It is our intention to build several more tunnels," said Superintendent McLaren, "You see, when we have the band stand located in this section of the Park there will naturally be a great many people here during concert days. Of course the teams will take up the main drive, just as much as they do at present. It would be out of the question the have only the one inlet to the bandstand. If the people had to cross the main drive there would certainly be a great many accidents, owing to the number of teams and wheelmen. When the tunnels are complete pedestrians can walk under the main drive without any fear or disturbance whatever and reach the music place in perfect safety."