

# SHARP COMPETITION.

Street Railway Companies Engage  
in a Fight for Traffic.

WANT TO TRANSFER PASSENGERS.

The Metropolitan Seeking to Check-  
mate the "L" Road.

Must Answer to Two Charges of Assault  
With Intent to Kill—Depositions to  
Be Taken in the Moore-Fun-  
ston Contest Case.

The street railway system of Kansas City, Kas., is fast assuming the appearance of a game of chess. Moves and counter moves are being made in the matter of obtaining franchises for extensions or securing the control of other roads. The Metropolitan Street Railway Company wants a lateral feeder on the West side to its extensive lines, and does not propose to stand idle and see the West side line pass into the control of the "L" road. This, of course, would mean a continuation of the transfer system at Third street and Minnesota avenue, which is so objectionable to the merchants of Minnesota avenue. In anticipation of action last night on a franchise for the extension of the West side line on Fifth street, from Minnesota avenue to Central avenue, members of the council were visited yesterday by representatives of the Metropolitan Company and requested to postpone action. This is taken as an indication that the company intends to checkmate any attempt to have anything done that has a tendency to cut off the revenues of that line received by its transfer arrangement with the West Side line. The next meeting of the council will witness a strong lobby of representatives of the various lines now in operation, as well as those of the Stock Yards and Northwestern Railway Companies, to whom may be attributed the cause for the street railway agitation which has been developed during the past few days.