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## NEW STATION PLANS

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### VIEWED IN TOWN HALL YESTERDAY

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It was unfortunate that such short notice was given of an exhibition of the plans of the new Johannesburg railway station which was held yesterday in the Mayoress's apartments.

Only a few prominent citizens were present to take advantage of an ideal opportunity to view the plans. Messrs. David McGubbin and Gordon Leith, two of the three architects who collaborated on the drawing up of the designs, which have now been passed by the Railway Board, were present and explained the details to visitors.

In all there were fifteen plans and drawings, which gave a striking idea of the handsome lines of the new building.

"I think the scheme is a very fine one," said Mr. Harold Porter, a past president of the Town Planning Association to the "Rand Daily Mail" yesterday. "With the limitation of space and site which the architects had to work in I think they have made the most of the ground at their disposal.

#### THE ELEPHANTS

Comment was made on the handsome elephants which surmount the main entrance on Eloff Street. One person who viewed the plans thought that these would particularly appeal to American tourists, who, like many other visitors to South Africa, were still under the impression that India held monopoly of the world's elephants. It is truly a handsome gateway to the Golden City.

A point of interest in the huge "concourse" is the fact that by using concrete instead of steel purely South African material will be employed in construction. Furthermore, concrete is cheaper than steel girders, and the result is much more effective to the eye. In fact South African material will form a very large part of the building.

The main frontage will be of red granite from the Transvaal and the building will be carried to the top in South African bricks of a light yellow tone, the whole creating a pleasing design.

The estimated cost of the scheme is £650,000, of which £350,000 will be accounted for by the station buildings. The difference in the figures will go to the construction of bridges, subway, track work and the purchase of the strip of ground from the Wanderers.

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