

NEW "TUBE'S" MOVING STAIR.

FEATURES OF THE PICCADILLY-BROMPTON RAILWAY.

Within a year the scheme entered upon in 1901 for linking the whole of London by tube railways, interchanging with the electrified Underground, will be completed. The opening of the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway on Saturday will be one of the chief links.

The "P.B.R." was open for inspection yesterday, and presented only one or two new features. It sweeps from Finsbury Park to Hammersmith, the intermediate stations being Gillespie-road, Holloway-road, Caledonian-road, York-road, King's Cross, Russell-square, Holborn, Covent Garden, Leicester-square, Piccadilly-circus, Dover-street, Down-street, Hyde Park-corner, Knightsbridge, Brompton-road, South Kensington, Gloucester-road, Earl's Court, and Baron's Court. The stations have each some special device in coloured tiles. The carriages are corridor, well lighted, and comfortably fitted.

The line forms part of a system which includes:

- Baker-street and Waterloo Railway (complete).
- Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway (building).
- District Railway (complete).
- P. and B. Railway (complete, except Strand branch).
- London United Tramways.

It has already been announced in the "Daily Mail" that through tickets, including both tramway and railway fares, can be obtained on the line, and the system will be extended to the "Bakerloo," and the new Hampstead line when that is finished.

Facts about the new line are:

- Through booking.
- Varying fares from 1d. to 4d.
- Rapid service, increasing from 3½min. to 1½min.
- Cost of building, £4,000,000.
- Number of stations, Twenty-one.
- Length, Nine miles.

At Holloway Station the company look forward to a steady revenue from the spiral passenger-conveyer. The apparatus has been installed experimentally, and consists of a double spiral continuous moving track occupying one of the lift shafts. Elevators of the kind are in use at various places, but they are employed only for taking people up, while this one transports them down as well as up. The speed is the gentle one of 100ft. per minute.
