

OPERA COMPANY MOVIES INTO NEW STUDIO TODAY

Occupy \$550,000 Build- ing on South Side.

Technically a studio and warehouse, but actually a workshop for the manufacture and care of all the accoutrements of opera, the new structure of the Chicago Civic Opera company at 26th and Dearborn streets will be formally accepted today from the contractors.

Erected at a cost of \$550,000, its acceptance brings about the cancellation of the leases on the huge, rambling warehouse at Wabash avenue near 18th street and the smaller plant at

521 South Jefferson street, used for years by the company. It is expected that the saving in rentals will amortize the cost of the new warehouse in ten years' time.

Goods Already There.

Although the finishing touches to be placed on the equipment of the building, a vast quantity of the paraphernalia of the opera company has already been stored there, at present totaling 1,500 truck loads, and more is being moved hourly. When the work is completed, equipment for more than 100 operas will have been stored away.

Most spectacular of the many features of the new plant is the scenic studio, said to be the largest and finest in the world. It has two floors, where through narrow apertures curtains are slid up and down through four great paint frames, each of which is in fact an odd shaped electric elevator controlled by a push button. Access to any portion of the surface under treatment is gained through raising or lowering the paint frames.

Plant Contains Laundry.

The new plant also contains a steam laundry in which all the costumes will be cleaned. The carpenter shop is equipped with power saws, lathes and wood carving machinery. The armory studio, in its completeness, includes an electric gold, silver and nickelplating

plant. Electrically driven sewing machines are being utilized by seamstresses in hurrying to completion the costumes for the season's productions.

FIVE HURT IN AUTO CRASH.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 4.—[Special.]—Five persons were injured, two seriously, when automobiles driven by Norman Rollins of Indianaapolis and Edwin Miller of Anderson collided near here today. Rollins and his wife were the most seriously hurt.