

HAMILTON ASKS ENABLING ACT

Wishes Power to Take Over Soldiers' Insurance With Companies

A matter of interest to many municipalities in the Province came before Sir William Hearst and Hon. W. D. McPherson yesterday afternoon, when a deputation from Hamilton asked what legislation the Government would sanction to enable them to take over city insurance on soldiers now being carried by insurance companies. The deputation included Mr. S. H. Kent, City Clerk; Mr. F. R. Waddell, K.C., City Solicitor, and members of the Board of Control. Sir William asked that he be furnished with a written statement of the matter with all statistics.

At the outbreak of the war the city of Hamilton undertook to insure its soldiers in insurance companies, taking out \$500 policies on single men and \$1,000 on married men, on the 20-year endowment basis. These premiums are still being paid. Later, however, the city passed a benefit by-law, undertaking to carry the insurance itself on the men who enlisted. As a result 8,300 men are insured under the benefit by-law and 1,700 in insurance companies. The city now wants to take over the insurance of all the men. The men insured in the companies were told that they could take over the payments on the policies when they returned, but few of them have so far accepted this offer.

SPANISH INFLUENZA ALTERS COURT OATH

ALL WITNESSES TOLD IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO KISS THE BIBLE

As a precaution against Spanish influenza the Chairman of the Court of Revision yesterday informed those who were being sworn that they need only hold the Book in their hands, and not kiss it. A number of those who were listed to appear sent word that they were laid up with the disease.

The court canceled the taxes on the residences of the Conservatory of Music at 2 and 4 Orde street, the amount of taxes being \$1,321. This ruling follows a previous one that as the institution is an educational one, not paying dividends, it is exempt under the act.