
LAWYERS UNDERPAID.

Get 20 Per Cent. Increase on Business Done in Courts.

As the result of representations made to the Ontario Government by the legal profession that they needed greater revenue, "owing to the increased cost of living and office expenses due to the war," an order in Council has been passed permitting an increase in the tariff of 20 per cent. on business done in the Supreme or County Courts. The increase, which became law on Oct. 16, "is allowed upon any taxation of costs in respect of any such business, as well between party and party as between solicitor and client."

It is provided, however, that this rule shall not interfere with the power to allow a fixed sum for costs, nor shall it apply to counsel fees. It is also specified that this rule shall only apply to fees for services rendered after it came into effect.

SMASH-UP ON HIGHWAY.

Judge Coatsworth yesterday reserved judgment in the suit of John M. Dowling of Toronto vs. E. Tewsley of Dunnville and L. Brett of Hamilton. All three men were proceeding in autos along the Hamilton highway on June 8, in the same direction. Brett ran into Tewsley, whose car was wobbling on the road, and the two cars locked and blocked the highway. Dowling was too close behind to stop and struck the other two. Yesterday Dowling claimed \$300 damages. In the collision he, his wife and several friends were injured and the car was badly smashed.

FIGHTING INFLUENZA.

One of the results of the influenza epidemic in the Province has been that the Provincial Board of Health has had the Government give to municipalities the same power to take over buildings to isolate cases of the malady as is now permitted with other communicable diseases. An order in Council has been passed amending the section of the Public Health Act, which provides for the taking over of land and buildings in which to treat communicable cases so as to make it apply to "epidemic influenza, including Spanish influenza, influenza, la grippe and three-day fever."