

HAMILTON NEWS

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Hamilton, Oct. 17.—The Board of Health, on account of the Spanish influenza epidemic, issued an order to-day closing all theatres, churches and public meetings after Monday next. Public funerals are prohibited, and the windows on one side of all street and suburban cars must be kept open. The ban is placed on the use of a common towel. All utensils in restaurants, hotels and boarding-houses must be immersed in boiling water. Eight new deaths were reported to-day.

Owing to the number of liquor prescriptions issued on account of the epidemic, the local liquor dispensary ran out of bottles yesterday.

Police Magistrate Jelfs issued an order this morning that no one not concerned in the cases would be admitted to the court.

A civic deputation this morning secured an appointment with Premier Hearst for Friday morning, when the Premier will be asked to appoint a High Court Judge to investigate the charge that Hamilton is being discriminated against in the curtailment of its allotment of Hydro-electric power.

Lost Life for Rabbit.

Leonard Gravell of Dundas, aged twenty years, was killed on the Brock road this morning while alighting from a moving automobile. With two companions he was on his way home when the party saw a rabbit ahead. They ran the animal down and Gravell was alighting to pick it up, when he plunged headlong into a ditch and was killed instantly.

Children's Aid Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held this afternoon at the Y.W.C.A., with Sir John Gibson presiding in the absence of W. H. Wardrope, K.C., the President. Reports showed that 226 children had been wards during the year. Receipts were \$3,470, and disbursements \$2,739. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Sheriff Middleton; Honorary Presidents, Adam Brown, W. H. Wardrope, K.C., and Rev. Dr. Sedgewick; Vice-Presidents, W. A. Robinson, H. L. Frost and W. H. Lovering; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Urquhart; Financial Secretary, Miss Malcolmson; Treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Hunter. J. J. Kelso spoke on the need of a union of all forces in the city engaged in child welfare work. There had been lack of organization, and he hoped there would be more interest shown by the people of Hamilton in this work. The new Inspector, Mr. Wyllie, spoke briefly on the Big Brother and Big Sister movement. He thought the churches should do more in this direction. W. H. Lovering said there was need for more money with which to carry on this work, and that an effort should be made to secure at least 5,000 members of the society.

Mayor Booker is confined to his home with illness. It is feared it may be Spanish "flu," and his condition is causing some anxiety.