

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS TO DISTRIBUTE COST

TORONTO-HAMILTON HIGHWAY BILL NOW READY FOR FINAL READING.

The special committee that has been considering the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission bill has put the finishing touches on it, and the House will now put it through the final stages.

The committee yesterday made two important changes. One of these puts upon the shoulders of the Municipal Councils of the townships between the two cities the responsibility for distributing the cost of the work apart from the set contribution each township makes. The original bill assessed the property-owners directly benefited by means of a frontage and acreage tax. The farmers taxed opposed this, requesting a wider area over which to spread the tax. The committee's amendment puts the whole thing in the hands of the Municipal Councils. The Commission will fix the amount each township is expected to raise.

The clause providing for maintenance after a period of twenty years was struck out. Hamilton protested against the two cities being responsible for maintenance after that period. The townships protested that they should escape if the cities did, and the dispute was settled by striking out all reference to the road after twenty years. The proposal of the Civic Guild that the Commission should have the right to make the roadway 100 feet wide, instead of 66, was turned down, but Mr. McGarry's suggestion that the Railway Board should have power to decide if widening was necessary was adopted.

ALBANIANS ROUNDED UP.

Forty Albanians were rounded up by the police yesterday and ordered to register as alien enemies. Albania had been under Turkish rule for three hundred years before the Balkan war, and when the Toronto Albanians left their own country they were nationally Turks. As many of them are Mohammedans and have not repudiated the Turk, it was thought that they should be on the list of nominal alien enemies.