

FILL HOSPITALS WITH NEW CASES

Spanish Influenza Getting Serious Hold Among To- ronto People

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Washington Request for Aid Refused Because of Local Situation

Instead of subsiding the epidemic of Spanish Influenza is becoming worse. So severely has it struck the city that hospital accommodation has been taxed to the limit and orders were yesterday given at the largest civic institution, the General Hospital, that no more cases of influenza were to be admitted. The General Hospital, aside from several beds in the Emergency Ward, is full. In the Emergency Ward there must always be accommodation for accident cases.

Neither is there room in the Western Hospital or St. Michael's Hospital for any who may be stricken with the much-discussed illness. In St. Michael's Hospital there are about fifteen cases of the influenza. Four of them are students from St. Augustine's Seminary.

On Saturday a request came to Toronto for three hundred nurses to go to Washington to assist in fighting the epidemic in the United States. The local situation was considered and a reply was sent that doctors and nurses might be needed here.

Not Like La Grippe.

Hospital doctors who have come into contact with cases of the new form of influenza say that the illness is not like the la grippe of some years ago, which caused several deaths in Toronto when an epidemic broke out. They say it differs considerably. Patients suffering from aggravated forms of the present epidemic have high fevers and quickly become much worse if they are not submitted to medical treatment.

Some idea of existing conditions can be obtained from the situation at the General Hospital. Daily and nightly cases have been admitted to the institution, until last night more were taken in than at any time since the epidemic broke out. Yesterday visitors were forbidden to enter the hospital. The same rule was in force in other Toronto hospitals, military and civil.

The Symptoms.

Symptoms in typical cases are headaches, pain in the small of the back, high temperature with a slow pulse, great prostration, and in some cases a sore throat and a cough. Under medical care recovery can be made in five days. There is considerable danger that pneumonia, middle ear disease, affections of the heart, will develop as complications in cases where patients do not receive medical treatment.

Lieut.-Col. D. King Smith, Officer Commanding Davisville Orthopedic Hospital, has been stricken with the disease.

Only six cases of Spanish Influenza were admitted to the Base Hospital yesterday from units in the city. This was a smaller number than at any time since the epidemic struck the battalions and units in barracks here.

Mrs. Grace Brown of New Brunswick died in the General Hospital Saturday night from Spanish influenza. The remains will be shipped to New Brunswick for burial.