

ALL MEETINGS OFF IN COBALT

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(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Cobalt, Oct. 11.—The local Board of Health has put a ban on all public gatherings in Cobalt until further notice. In consequence, churches, theatres, schools, the Y. M. C. A., dances and other entertainments, fraternal societies and all other meetings are forbidden for the present.

Dr. R. W. Mitchell, acting M. O. H., in the absence from town of Dr. McLaren, told the members of the board there were more than one hundred cases of influenza in the camp, but that no complications had yet set in, to his knowledge. He pointed out that great danger existed because of the shortage of trained nurses, and urged that the Victorian Order of Nurses' headquarters be asked by wire this morning to send two nurses here without delay, as the municipality is at present without any representatives of the order in town.

Placards in English and French will be printed and placed in prominent parts of the town, while literature in English, French, Polish and Finnish will be distributed about the town and among the miners.

All Ottawa Churches Closed.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—In deference to the wishes of the local Board of Health, all the churches in the city will be closed on Sunday, as far as public services are concerned. In addition to the churches which closed last Sunday, the Roman Catholic and the Anglican Church authorities have written the Mayor that they will close this Sunday.

No "Flu" in R. M. C.

Kingston, Oct. 11.—Not one case of influenza has so far developed in the Royal Military College, where there are 153 cadets. Influenza is quite prevalent here, but is not causing any alarm. Prof. W. T. Connell, Queen's bacteriologist, has reported

that the disease here is not Spanish influenza, but ordinary grippe.

Stricter Rules in Montreal.

Montreal, Oct. 11.—Eleven fresh deaths from Spanish influenza among soldiers sick with this disease were reported to Major-General Willson, General Officer Commanding this district, this morning. Eighteen new cases were also reported. Fifty-nine deaths from influenza took place among civilian patients yesterday.

Still more stringent regulations were issued by the Montreal Board of Health to-day to curb the influenza epidemic, including the closing at 4 o'clock of all shops, retail and wholesale, and bars of all kinds. Churches are closed completely by the new edict.

Soldiers Put Out of Dance Hall.

St. Thomas, Oct. 11.—The military police of this city have received strict orders from Headquarters to keep all soldiers out of the amusement places and churches in this city until the spread of Spanish influenza has subsided. The order was received last night, and in consequence considerable confusion was caused at a dance in this city, several officers and men being ejected.

Winnipeg Suspends Assemblies.

Winnipeg, Oct. 11.—The Chief Medical Officer of the city to-day issued a proclamation which practically suspends all public assemblies within the city until all danger of infection from prevailing pulmonary disease is past. After to-morrow (Saturday) night all schools, theatres, churches, moving-picture houses, business colleges, dance halls and other places where people assemble in numbers are to be closed, and departmental and other stores, dining-rooms, street cars, railway trains, etc., are to be regulated under special precautionary measures as from the same date. Municipalities which are practically suburban to Winnipeg, including Rosser, Assinibola, Transcona and Kildonan and the city of St. Boniface have adopted the same precautionary measures, which extend to Labor meetings and strike conferences.

Abandon Thanksgiving Services.

The idea included in the above comprises the principal centres of population in the Province of Manitoba. In this area there will be no church services next Sunday, and special Thanksgiving services in the churches and special performances for the holiday in theatres and other places of public entertainment must be abandoned.

Eleven new cases of Spanish influenza were reported in the city yesterday. The authorities still hope to prevent by the precautionary measures adopted a really serious outbreak in Winnipeg. There are about thirty-five known cases among citizens of Winnipeg and its suburbs so far.

Reports From Elsewhere.

In Niagara Falls the Board of Health has ordered every billiard-room closed; all theatres, schools,

etc., have been closed all week. Kingston is to enforce rigidly the regulation forbidding spitting on the street or in other public places.

Three new cases of Spanish influenza are reported in St. John, N. B., making fifty in all. Several deaths have occurred in the Province, including that of Rev. D. G. Cormier, Roman Catholic priest, at Upper Accushagen, Kent county. In Edmonton 450 cases of the disease are reported.

The epidemic is still spreading in Halifax, eight new civilian and fifty-four military and naval cases being reported yesterday morning. There is pressing need for hospital accommodation.

Serious Situation in Brantford.

Brantford, Oct. 11.—So serious was the Spanish influenza situation considered here to-night that a Board of Trade delegation waited upon the Board of Health demanding that theatres and churches be closed indefinitely throughout the city. There were 2,500 cases, many serious pneu-

monia cases, reported in the city. The Hospital Board reported that admittance had to be refused at the General Hospital. The Board of Trade urged the opening of the military barracks on Brant avenue as a temporary hospital, and that an appeal be made to the women of the city to act as nurses. Several large factories were reported practically closed. Ten deaths have thus far occurred. Dr. Pearson, M. O. H., estimated that the epidemic was of such a nature that forty per cent. of the population would be affected before it ended. Representatives of the Medical Association were sent for by the Board of Health, and a campaign of publicity was decided upon. No action was taken in regard to the opening of a temporary hospital.

Most Deaths Yet in Kitchener.

Kitchener, Oct. 11.—There has been a slackening up in the number of fresh cases of Spanish influenza in the city during the past twenty-four hours, but the death toll for the

same period has been the heaviest to date. The victims are: Lieut. Wilfred Bauer, war veteran, aged twenty-four; Charles Moser, twenty; Web Strong, thirty-seven; Annie Lehman, twenty-three; Edw. Ohlbeizer, thirty; William Plantz, thirty-three; Florence Figueroa, fifteen; Mrs. L. Bulmer, twenty-six; Mrs. T. Schaefer, thirty.

Fifteen more cases are reported at Regina, where the death toll since the beginning of the epidemic is three. There are now seventy cases reported in Vancouver, and two deaths attributed to the disease. Thirty-two cases were reported up to noon yesterday at Victoria, B.C.