

EPIDEMIC NOT YET AT CREST

Outbreak of Influenza General in Ontario and Nurses Needed

That the Spanish influenza epidemic throughout the Province has not yet reached its crest was the assertion yesterday of Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, Chief Officer of Health for the Province. Coupled with this statement he again voiced an appeal for five hundred additional volunteers to take the lectures which are carried on daily at the Reception Room, Parliament Buildings, by Dr. Patterson. These volunteers, who are sent out as "Sisters of Service," are needed very urgently. The lectures take place at 10 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

"The outbreak of influenza, according to reports received by the Provincial Board of Health, is general throughout the Province," Dr. McCullough said in a statement which he issued last night. "The need of graduate and volunteer nurses and physicians is very great. There are practically no more trained nurses to be had in Toronto. Many towns and cities have already been supplied with volunteer help. The board has sent nurse instructors to many places, and medical students have also been sent out to supply places without doctors and as hospital internes. On Saturday the board sent out supplies of pamphlets containing the S.O.S. lectures and other information to every town and city in Ontario. About 500 families in Toronto and elsewhere have been supplied with nursing help to date.

A Preventive Vaccine.

"The nurses of the city hospitals are being vaccinated with a preventive vaccine, and on Sunday Dr. McCullough wired to all the hospitals in Ontario to advise the number of doses required for their nursing and medical staff. The Provincial Board will endeavor to supply vaccine for the use of the nursing and medical staffs in order to enable them to carry on their work. The vaccine is being prepared by the Connaught Laboratories."

The staff of the Provincial Board is working day and night to meet the urgent calls upon them for nursing help. Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. the telephone number is main 5800; after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. the numbers are Main 5818, 5819 and 5805.

Appeal to Druggists.

At the request of Vice-Chairman W. S. Dingman of the Ontario License Board, Mr. W. B. Graham, Registrar of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, has sent out an appeal to druggists throughout the Province who heretofore have not sold liquor to abandon their scruples during this crisis and fill doctors' prescriptions that call for alcohol. Druggists are only allowed to fill prescriptions up to six ounces.