

HEAVY TOLL FROM GRIPPE

**Week-end and Holiday Death
Registrations Num-
ber 133**

ESTIMATE OF THE CASES

Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., Takes Further Precautions to Fight the Epidemic

**One hundred and thirty-three
death from influenza and pneu-
monia were registered yester-
day.**

Over 13,000 cases in the city.

**Thirty-six civic nurses are on
the sick list.**

Schools all closed.

Dance halls closed.

**No public gathering to be
held.**

**Those coughing and sneezing
in theatres to be evicted.**

**Arlington Hotel ready to-day
as temporary hospital.**

**People advised to shop by
phone.**

There were 133 deaths from influenza and pneumonia registered at the City Clerk's office yesterday. Based on a mortality of 1 per cent. this would mean that there are about 13,500 cases of influenza in Toronto, and if, as Dr. Hastings asserts, the mortality is lower in Toronto than in most cities, the number of cases is probably several thousand more.

Since the first of the month 161 deaths from influenza have been registered, 96 being the number for yesterday. Thirty-seven deaths from pneumonia were registered yesterday, making the number for the month 93. During the first fifteen days of October last year there were no deaths from influenza and seventeen from pneumonia. This year the number of deaths for the same period from these two causes is 254. Deaths from all causes for the first fifteen days in October last year numbered 194, while this year the total is 458, an increase of 264.

Despite precautions nurses and doctors are being laid up with influenza. The city's staff of 92 nurses was yesterday reduced to 56, the balance being absent through illness.

Seven special helpers were added to the staff yesterday, and these are assisting families that are ill and unable to look after household duties.

"The epidemic has shown many of the men to be excellent nurses and housekeepers," said Miss E. H. Dyke, Director of Nurses, yesterday. "In many homes where the mother and children are all laid up, the father, with instructions from a nurse, is looking after the sick ones and the household duties."

In the eastern part of the city hot soup is being sent to a number of families that are bed-ridden with the malady.

Yesterday saw great progress made in preparing the Arlington and Mossop Hotels as temporary hospitals.

Precautions at Theatres.

The Department of Health has not taken any steps to close theatres or places of amusement other than dance halls. The theatre managers have been ordered to evict those coughing and sneezing for the protection of the general public. School children should be kept in the open air as much as possible, and should remain away from picture shows.

Dr. Hastings advises people to shop by telephone in order to relieve congestion and crowding in stores. It has come to his attention that some employers are urging their employees to work when they are not feeling well, whereas it would be to their economic advantage to see that all employees give in to the disease at the first symptoms. If this is done the patient should recover in a week at the outside.

The Board of Control yesterday voted \$5,000 for additional hospital accommodation, and the civic departments were instructed to place their motor cars at the disposal of the M. O. H.

How Motorists Can Help.

Local motorists can assist in fighting the epidemic by volunteering their services to the Victoria Order of Nurses, 261 Sherbourne street. The nurses of this order visit all over the city, and motors would greatly expedite their work.

Masks are being worn by doctors and nurses attending influenza cases, and some medical men are advocating their general use during the epidemic. The doctors wear the regular surgeons' masks, while nurses are using layers of cambric, linen or other fine material over the mouth, nose and ears to prevent the organism getting into the system.

Figures given out by the military authorities yesterday show twenty deaths from influenza during the 12th, 13th and 14th at the Base Hospital, and seven at Niagara Camp. Conditions are reported to be improving among the military, so far as the spread of the epidemic is concerned. Pending the investigation into conditions at the Base Hospital, no information is being given out except through Col. Irving, the A.D.M.S. of the district.

Miss Hope Fairfield Aylesworth, aged 24, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Aylesworth, of Newburg, and niece of Sir Allen Aylesworth, died of influenza yesterday morning. She was a graduate nurse of the hospital and contracted the disease there.