

S.O.S. BRANCH IN COLLINGWOOD

Physician at Chatham is
Among the Victims of
Double Disease

FLU STILL SPREADING

(Special and C. P. Despatches.)

Collingwood, Oct. 20.—To combat the outbreak of influenza here, of which there are probably forty or fifty cases, the Local Board of Health has issued an order closing the schools, churches and places of amusement until further notice.

Last night a branch of the Ontario Voluntary Health Auxiliary was organized with the following officers: Chairman, Mrs. D. Williams; Secretary, Miss F. A. Redmond; Consultative Committee, Misses Dawson, Muirhead, Redmond, and Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. D. Williams. An emergency hospital is now under way, and a call has been made to the citizens for furnishings. Classes will be started on Tuesday evening, when Miss Dawson, a graduate nurse, will be the lecturer.

Brantford, Oct. 20.—Meetings of the merchants and manufacturers have been called for to-morrow morning to discuss further means of fighting the epidemic. It was reported to-day that there is a shortage of drugs for fighting the "flu." There is no quinine on hand.

Eighteen Deaths Over Week-end.

There are 112 cases in the Emergency Hospital, which has been affiliated with the Brantford General Hospital, and which is thus made eligible for the Government grant of 70 cents per day. Over the week-end there were 18 deaths, eight being reported on Saturday and 13 to-day, this making it the worst period of the epidemic.

Two Emergency Hospitals.

Kingston, Oct. 20.—In order to take care of influenza patients requiring urgent attention the civic authorities, assisted by the Sisters of Service, have utilized the quarters of both the Great War Veterans and the Army and Navy Veterans on Princess street as emergency hospitals.

Decrease in Kitchener.

Kitchener, Oct. 20.—The number of deaths during the past twenty-four hours is fewer than in any similar period during the previous two weeks.

A number of the industries which have been closed for two weeks will reopen to-morrow. Employees who have been afflicted with influenza or pneumonia must produce a certificate signed by a physician or registered nurse previous to securing work.

The street railway service will be resumed to-morrow.

Medical Man Succumbs.

Chatham, Oct. 20.—Dr. Stanislaus Briscon died here this morning after ten days' illness of influenza and pneumonia. He had been practising here but a few months, coming from Tilbury, where he practised for about a year. He was born in St. Joseph, Ont., twenty-seven years ago. Surviving relatives are his father, A. Briscon of St. Joseph, two brothers Ed. at St. Joseph, and Louis of Dridale, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Bedore of Dridale, and Albertine of Porcupine. The remains will be taken on Monday to St. Joseph for interment.

Five Deaths in Iroquois Falls.

Porcupine Junction, Oct. 20.—The Spanish influenza epidemic has broken out at Iroquois Falls, where is situated the great plant of the Abitibi Power & Paper Company, one of the largest plants of its kind in the world. Despite precautionary measures taken early to prevent its spread, five deaths were reported yesterday.

Up to this week-end the mining camps, including Cobalt, Porcupine and Kirkland Lake, have escaped fairly well, although quite a number of cases have occurred in more or less mild form.

Drastic Closing as Preventive.

Windsor, Oct. 20.—In accordance with a proclamation issued by Mayor Tison yesterday, Windsor churches did not open their doors to-day nor will they until the epidemic of influenza shows signs of abatement. Schools, theatres or other place where more than twenty-five persons are congregated are also under the ban. While the disease has not been so prevalent here as in other cities the Mayor decided to take drastic steps at once rather than wait until the "flu" got beyond control. Thirteen new cases were reported Saturday and half that number to-day, with a total of nine deaths to date.

Churches Closed, Schools Not.

Guelph, Oct. 20.—Guelph Ministerial Association decided Saturday to close the churches, and the only services held yesterday were two short services at the Church of Our Lady. There are, it is estimated, considerably more than a thousand cases in the city, a great many of

serious character, and there have been several deaths. Public sentiment strongly favors closing the schools, but Dr. H. O. Howitt, M. O. H., thinks as several nurses have been employed it is unnecessary, and that the children are safer under supervision at school than running the streets. Many parents, however, are keeping their children home, and the attendance is less than half the normal.

Mortality Greater in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—There were twice as many deaths resulting from the influenza-pneumonia epidemic in Ottawa last week as in the previous week. The mortality rate took a jump over the week-end, the number of deaths on Sunday being 50 per cent. higher than on Saturday. To-day's jump in the mortality rate is, in part, attributed to the inclemency of the weather, a continuance of which would aggravate conditions.

New cases reported are decreasing, as compared with early last week, and indications point to a material check to the spread of the disease.

The Board of Health has refused a request of merchants, who sought to have the stores' closing hour in the afternoon made this week 5 o'clock, instead of 4, as at present.

Abating in Montreal.

Montreal, Oct. 20.—Figures of the influenza epidemic again show a substantial decrease, cases reported for Saturday being 617 and for Sunday only 40, but returns to-day are considered to be incomplete.

Deaths on the respective days are 195 on Saturday and 113 on Sunday. Total since October 1 to date, 8,568 cases, with 1,505 deaths.

Soldiers' cases also show that the epidemic is abating. Of a total of 1,208 cases, there are now only 346 under treatment in Montreal and St. Johns.

The military feel that they now have the situation well in hand, and are placing military cots, doctors and nurses at the disposal of the civic authorities. No figures for the Province are available.

Reports From Other Places.

The epidemic is spreading around Tillsonburg, and the town was unable to spare any nurses for Brantford, being unable to supply the local needs. The Board of Health ordered the poolrooms, theatres and churches closed.