

## "FLU" CONTINUES TO BE ALARMING

### Dire Need of Nurses—Some Towns Close All Places of Meeting

The epidemic of Spanish influenza continues to spread, and in some places is assuming larger proportions. Ottawa is in extreme need of nurses, whole families being reported in dozens of cases down with the malady, with no one to attend to their requirements. Mayor Fisher agrees with Provincial Health Officer Dr. J. W. E. McCullough, and thinks schools, theatres, churches, etc., should be closed, as they were in Ottawa.

All theatres and other places of meeting or amusement were ordered closed in Quebec, and arrangement made with the Street Railway Co. to disinfect its cars every night till further orders. A graduate nurse, Miss Maria A. Leblanc, twenty-seven years of age, of Lyster, who volunteered to fight the influenza epidemic at Trois Pistoles, has died at her home after nine days' sickness from the disease, and thirteen persons died of it during Tuesday night at Trois Pistoles.

The New Brunswick Department of Health has ordered all schools, churches and theatres closed, and all public meetings prohibited after Friday of this week, throughout the Province.

At Montreal the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa closed its annual session abruptly, leaving unfinished business to a special committee. The Ministerial Association advocated closing all churches, except for private devotions.

Mrs. Richard Lajole of Three Rivers, died after confinement Tuesday night, leaving seven children. She had been ill for a few days with influenza, and yesterday morning Mr. Lajole died of it.

The "flu" has caused one death in the Sault Ste. Marie district, a man dying in a lumber camp at Searchmont, whither the disease is said to have been carried by a man who came from Ottawa and stayed a couple of days, sixteen cases being reported in the camp after he left. The Chairman of the Board of Health of the Soo ordered the body of the victim buried immediately, not allowing it to be shipped to the deceased's home in Montreal.

One more death is reported at Winnipeg, that of Pte. Frank Pollock of Quebec city, and one new cases. Nineteen cases in eleven families are reported at Vancouver, but no deaths.

When a few cases among students at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph were reported, the Faculty, on consulting the college physician, decided to go ahead with lectures as usual, but the students held a meeting yesterday morning, and concluded not to attend lectures. More than a third of the students have gone to their homes already. At Macdonald Hall there are fifteen cases of influenza, but none of the students have left, and the work is going on. The annual convention of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union, which was to be held in Guelph shortly, has been called off.

While the Medical Officer of Health at Lindsay, Dr. J. McAlpine, has followed the lead of authorities in other places, and ordered all schools and moving picture houses closed for the rest of this week, on the other hand, the Kingston Board of Health decided yesterday that it was not necessary, and would cause no marked improvement, to close theatres, schools and churches; and the St. Thomas Board of Education's Management Committee decided it would be of little use to close the schools while the movies and other amusement places are left open; however, it gave Chairman Johnson power to close the schools in case of emergency this week; three rooms in St. Thomas schools had to be dismissed because the teachers have the "flu."