

# FLU CAUSES MORE DEATHS

## Forty New Cases Are Admitted to the Hospitals

## APPEAL FOR NURSES

## Board of Education Starts Survey of the Schools

Forty cases were admitted to local hospitals yesterday.

Three deaths occurred during the day, two at the General and one at the Western Hospital.

### DEATHS AT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Miss Elizabeth Burtch, aged twenty-nine, 275 Jarvis street.

Mr. Henry Hunter, aged thirty-seven, 539 Erie terrace.

New cases at the Hospital for Sick Children, 7.

New cases admitted to General Hospital, 20.

New cases admitted to Western Hospital, 8.

New cases admitted to St. Michael's Hospital, 5.

Grace Hospital has no bed accommodation.

On his return from Washington yesterday, Dr. C. J. Hastings, M.O.H., emphatically stated that while the epidemic of "Spanish influenza" was just commencing in Toronto, every precaution was being taken by the local authorities, and that the progress of the disease was being closely followed.

There is, the M.O.H. claimed, not the slightest cause for a panic which would lower the vitality of nervous individuals and cause them to contract the disease more readily.

While in Washington, Dr. Hastings was in conference with Surgeon-General Blue, Chief of the Public Health Service at Washington, who agreed that the Toronto authorities were doing all that was advisable under the existing conditions.

Col. W. J. S. McCullough, Provincial M.O.H., at the meeting of the Local Board of Health yesterday afternoon at the City Hall, assured the board that Dr. Hastings was taking all the necessary measures.

### Shortage of Nurses.

Last night Dr. Hastings issued the following memorandum regarding the shortage of nurses:—

The Medical Officer of Health specially requests that all the citizens who have nurses in their homes release them at the earliest possible moment owing to the fact that there are so many of Toronto's nurses overseas and employed in other military duties both in Toronto and in other parts of Canada. There is a decided shortage of trained nurses in Toronto at the present time, and it is most urgent that everything be done to relieve this condition. The Public Health nursing staff has lost a great many of its nurses through military work, and every assistance of this nature which is given by the citizens of Toronto will be of great help in the endeavor to improve the condition in so far as regards nursing of influenza and other cases at the present time.

Three of the Toronto nurses who went to Boston have contracted the disease, but it is reported that they are making satisfactory progress.

Board of Education authorities yesterday started a survey of the schools to see how badly they were affected by influenza among both teachers and pupils. Yesterday morning there was a conference regarding the advisability of closing the schools, but no action was taken, pending the return of the M. O. H. Dr. Hastings, however, does not believe it advisable to close the schools, as the children are in less danger of catching the disease in a well-ventilated school room under medical supervision than on the streets or playgrounds.

### Schools Badly Hit.

The figures showing how some of the schools have been hit are as follows:

	Teachers.	Pupils.
Essex . . . . .	6	673
Roden . . . . .	12	620
Ogden . . . . .	3	400
Ryerson . . . . .	4	294

These schools are in marked contrast with others, which scarcely seem to have been affected. Remarkable as it may seem, the Ward is almost free from influenza.

Though influenza is a communicable disease, it is not among those that have to be reported to the M. O. H., and only a limited number of physicians are reporting their cases. Yesterday some 53 cases were reported by three or four doctors.

Practically all the hospital accommodation, except at the General Hospital, is being used at the present time.

There are 1,042 cases of Spanish influenza in the Toronto Military District, according to figures issued by the Department of Medical Services at Headquarters. They are divided among the various military centres as follows: Niagara Polish Camp, 133; C. E. F. Camp, 44; Military Ward, Toronto General Hospital, 8; Canadian Officers' Training Corps, Burwash Hall, 49; Base Hospital, 500; Royal Air Force, various units, 268; Camp Borden, 40. The number of cases at the Base Hospital has been reduced from 640 to 500 in the last few days.

Influenza cases at the Base Hospital were yesterday reported to be making good progress, and a number of patients were discharged.

### Aldermen's Families Ill.

Ald. W. W. Hiltz has five of his seven children ill with the "flu," including twin girls of sixteen months of age.

Ald. Blackburn is the only one in his household of eight people not laid up with a bad cold. Ald. Birdsall was suffering from a bad cold yesterday.

Ald. George Ramsden, who was taken ill with influenza last Friday was able to get about the house yesterday, and may be able to come down town to-day.

Owing to some of the helpers a

the Allied Hostess House, King street west, having caught the disease from some of the men visiting the house. It has been necessary to temporarily close the building.

The opinion has been expressed that telephone mouthpieces may be incubators for influenza germs. Yesterday the mouthpieces of all 'phones at Military Headquarters were sterilized.

### Soldier Brothers Die.

Two brothers who had survived the shock of battle and had returned from the front have fallen before the insidious disease. Pte. Thomas Wilson and Pte. William Wilson, sons of Mrs. Janet Wilson, have both succumbed to influenza. Thomas Wilson, aged twenty-one, was taken ill and died last Wednesday and was buried on Saturday. William Wilson, aged twenty-three, died yesterday.

### Motor Cars Would Help.

Owners of motor cars can render very valuable assistance by lending their cars for the use of the nurses, who have sometimes to let urgent calls go unheeded for lack of time to get to the homes by street car or walking, whereas motors would enable them to cover much more ground and many more calls in the same time. The Home Bureau Nursing Association's telephone number is North 1534, and address 817 Yonge street.