

TO ORGANIZE DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Federal Government Will Ask Parliament to Pass Bill

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Ottawa, Oct. 24.—The national epidemic of Spanish Influenza, which has hit the Capital particularly hard, has been an object lesson to the Cabinet Ministers here as to the need of a Federal Health Department. A tentative agreement was reached by the Cabinet some time ago to organize such a department under the Minister of Immigration and Colonization, Hon. J. A. Calder. The epidemic which is now ravaging Canada has brought the question up again in urgent form before the Government, and it is understood that Parliament will be asked at the coming session to pass a bill creating a Department of Public Health, to be administered by the Minister of Immigration and Colonization. A national laboratory along the lines of the Washington laboratories will be established. The present Health branches of the Interior, Immigration and Agricultural Departments will be merged in the new department.

A VICTIM OF HIS ZEAL.

A Pacific Port, Oct. 24. — Lieut.-Commander J. J. Nadwein, senior surgeon on a British vessel of war, died yesterday, a victim of his zeal in working for men suffering from Spanish influenza on the ship. The British warship arrived here yesterday morning with more than 200 of the crew ill.