

EPIDEMIC IS MORE SERIOUS

Spanish Influenza Cases at St. John's Increasing, and Among Civilians

(Canadian Press Despatches.)

Montreal, Sept. 26.—Reports received to-day by Gen. E. W. Wilson, G.O.C., this military district, indicated that the epidemic of Spanish influenza at St. John's barracks had become more serious. The number of hospital cases had increased from the 355 reported yesterday to 450.

No further deaths were reported, but two other soldiers have been dangerously ill with pneumonia, which developed from the influenza.

It was also reported to-day that the disease had spread amongst the civilian population at St. John's.

So far as the Montreal barracks are concerned, it was stated to-day by Lieut.-Col. F. S. Patch, A.D.M.S., that there had been no sign yet of the spreading of the contagion, and that every possible precaution had been taken.

Abating at Quebec.

Quebec, Sept. 26.—The epidemic of Spanish influenza in this district is abating, only one death being reported from all over this section yesterday, at Victoriaville.

HE IS RETIRING.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 26.—After thirty-nine years' service in the Canadian Inland Revenue Department, Ald. P. M. Keogh, dean of Windsor City Council, has been superannuated. He has been given six months' leave of absence, at the expiration of which time he will be placed on the pension list. Another old servant of the Dominion Government, James Falconer of Walkerville, has also been placed on the retired list with a pension. He was a member of the Inland Revenue Department forty-two years.