

BAN REMAINS ON THEATRES

But Influenza Epidemic Seems to be Abating

"Things look very favorable to-day," said Dr. C. J. Hastings, M.O.H., last evening when asked about the Spanish Influenza epidemic. "Inquiries at my home and at the head office to-day have only been a fraction of what they were last Sunday. Telephone calls at my home only numbered about one-fifth of the number received a week ago.

"It is not at all likely, however," said the M.O.H., "that the ban on amusement houses will be lifted or the schools reopened this week."

Eleven deaths from influenza and three from pneumonia were registered with the City Clerk at the City Hall before noon on Saturday. This is low, but may be accounted for by the fact that Saturday, being a half-day, is also one on which few records are filed. To-day will, in all likelihood, see many certificates filed of deaths that occurred last week.

The high death rate at the Arlington Hotel is readily understood, a civic official pointed out, when it is realized that this emergency hospital has been used only for pneumonia cases.

FIREWOOD DEALER ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Roy C. Skene of Muskoka Lumber Company Arrested

Acting upon scores of complaints from soldiers' wives, Detective Inspector Kennedy on Sunday morning instructed Detective Nicholls to arrest Roy C. Skene, 18 Waldorf apartments, King street west, on a charge of fraud. Skene will appear in the Police Court to-day.

It is said that since August, when Skene opened an office under the name of the Muskoka Lumber Company, he has obtained through five agents, who canvassed the city, orders for more than \$10,000 worth of firewood at \$13 a cord.

When the detectives on Saturday called at his office they found a notice stating that an assignment had been made, and later located Skene upon a siding at Davenport road in charge of the unloading of wood. Skene is out on \$10,000 bail.

PREMIER PROMISES HOSPITAL PROBE

Mayor Church is Active in Base Hospital Business

Col. Clarke of the Medical Service at Ottawa has aroused considerable resentment through his interview regarding Base Hospital conditions, in which he is reported to have blamed the whole trouble on Mayor Church, alleging that he had worked against the local military authorities instead of with them.

The Mayor is trying to find out who Col. Clarke speaks for, whether it is the Minister of Militia, the Director of Medical Services, or himself as a private individual.

"I am taking the matter up with Premier Borden and Col. Clarke's own Minister, and it is possible that Col. Clarke may be called as a witness in the investigation, though I don't believe he knows anything of local conditions."

Mayor Church stated that he had received a message from Premier Borden on Saturday morning that the Federal Government had decided to make a thorough investigation into the many rumors and reports regarding conditions at the Toronto Base Hospital.

COMMUNITY SINGING.

Community singing in the downtown districts will be one of the features of the Victory Loan campaign in Toronto. Yonge and Temperance will be one of the favorite corners for the choristers.

MRS. TEMPLEMAN DIES.

After nearly 70 years residence in Toronto Mrs. John Templeman died yesterday afternoon at 39 Sherwood avenue at the age of 87 years. She had been ill only a few days. She is survived by seven sons, three daughters have died and the deceased had outlived her late husband sixteen years.