

500 FLU CASES IN HAMILTON

Disease is in a Virulent Form
—Eleven Deaths in Two
Days

WOUNDED MEN RETURN

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Hamilton, Oct. 6.—The medical men of the city held a meeting last night to consider what steps might be taken to check the spread of the Spanish Influenza. It was decided to report all cases daily to Dr. Roberts, Medical Officer of Health, who will issue a daily bulletin to the press with a view to informing the public of its spread and such preventive measures as may be taken from time to time. The matter of closing the schools, theatres and churches was further considered today, but it was decided that this course was not necessary. It is estimated that there are about 500 cases in the city, and it is said that the disease is in a virulent form.

Eleven Deaths From "Flu."

Eleven deaths have occurred in this city from Spanish Influenza since yesterday noon. Four deaths occurred Saturday and seven to-day, and the Board of Health held a special meeting at noon Saturday to discuss the situation. Dr. Roberts, M.O.H., stated that he had communicated with Dr. McCullough, Chief Medical Officer of Ontario, in regard to closing the churches and schools. Dr. McCullough was of the opinion such drastic steps would be futile, as the epidemic was bound to spread. Dr. Roberts and the health authorities agreed that people desirous of avoiding the epidemic would do well to remain away from all public gatherings.

At the Armament School of R.A.F. the Armament School of the R.A.F. at the Westinghouse Barracks three deaths occurred since Saturday. There are many cases there, but it was reported to-night that the disease is under control, and that most of those affected are returning to duty. The three reported dead were: Cadet H. J. Taylor, Winnipeg; Air Mechanic Norman Murray, Killam, Alta., and Cadet A. R. Dobson of Vancouver. They had Spanish "flu," which developed into pneumonia, and died after a short illness. The other deaths reported are: Amen Orhan, an Albanian, aged twenty-seven, who came to this city from Toronto on Saturday. He became ill in the afternoon and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he died this evening; Mrs. Elizabeth Whel, wife of J. H. Whel, 78 Paradise street, who died three hours after she was stricken with the illness (she had given birth to a son a couple of days before); Mrs. Wyrchowski, whose sister died of the disease on Friday and who was taken to the hospital the day her sister died, and Mrs. Harriet Church, wife of George Church, blacksmith, 93 Caroline street north, in her sixty-third year.

Ship Aground.

Since noon Wednesday the Montreal Transportation Company's 1,500-ton freighter Arablan, carrying 250 tons of freight, mostly wire, has been aground on a sandbar at the foot of Victoria avenue. Her Captain, A. Hough, is in St. Joseph's Hospital, with pneumonia and typhoid fever, and her second mate is also ill. Attempts to extricate the freighter have been unsuccessful so far.