

# CIVILIANS GET SPANISH "FLU"

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Have Been Reported to  
Dr. Hastings

MAY BE A MILD FORM

Fifty Soldiers in Military  
Wing of General Hospital  
Quarantined

Spanish influenza has officially reached Toronto. Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., informed a representative of The Globe last night that there was now little doubt that the disease was the same as has been spreading through the United States.

Whether it is a new name or just a new alias for gripe is still in doubt, however. Some bacteriologists claim to have found the old influenza organism, while others have not located it in the new outbreak.

Only one death due to this cause has been reported to Dr. Hastings: that of Mr. James Hamilton, 32 years of age, who died at his home, 10 McGee street, after an illness of only a few days, pneumonia being the direct cause of death. Five other cases have been reported to the M.O.H.

Dr. Hastings said last night that he had been speaking with a medical man who had considerable experience with the disease in the old country. The mortality, he was informed, was not high, ranging from 3 to 5 per cent.

## Type Not Yet Known.

While it is the same disease in Toronto, it has not yet been learned whether it has been a mild or severe type that has invaded the city. The situation is being carefully watched by the department, and the usual precautions in the case of communicable diseases are being taken.

"If it is the same type Boston has been fighting, said the M.O.H., "there is no doubt that the situation here may be serious. It may prove, on the other hand, to be a mild form, and we may get off lightly."

Lieut.-Col. Dr. J. W. S. McCullough stated last night that there were no new developments so far as his department was concerned.

Mayor Church is insistent that the military authorities have shown negligence and lack of consideration for the men, both in Toronto and at the Niagara and Petawawa Camps. While the Exhibition Grounds were turned over to the military on September 9, the arrangements, which could have been completed by the middle of September, have not yet been completed, with the result that during the damp, cold weather the men have had to remain under canvas without even fires, in most cases, to dry their clothing and warm themselves.

In the R.A.F. camps it is reported that the number of new cases has been falling off from day to day in all but one camp. The number of new cases per day at Hamilton has decreased to practically nil. A number of men who had mild attacks will be discharged from hospital to-day. None of the patients are critically ill.

## Soldiers in Quarantine.

About fifty soldiers in the military ward of the General Hospital are in quarantine, with Spanish influenza. On Tuesday Ward H, which is the military wing of the institution, was quarantined and visitors who had called during the day were refused admittance. It was stated at the hospital that this was only done as a precautionary measure, and that the men were only suspected of having the "flu."

Six patients were admitted to the hospital yesterday, suspected of having Spanish influenza. That the disease is no respecter of persons is shown by the fact that a number of the nurses are ill, and are thought to have it.