

MR. RICHARD REID DIES IN LONDON

Ontario's Agent-General Fails to Recover After an Operation

Ontario's Agent-General in the British Isles, Mr. Richard Reid, died yesterday at his home in London, England. News of his death was received at the Parliament Buildings yesterday from Hon. Dr. Cody, who stated that as a result of an operation which Mr. Reid had undergone several weeks ago, septile poisoning had developed and that another operation had become necessary.

"The Province of Ontario loses a faithful and efficient official in the death of Mr. Reid," the Acting Prime Minister, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, said yesterday. "The Government deeply regrets the loss of this faithful public servant, who was held in the highest esteem, both in his official capacity and as a man."

The late Mr. Reid was appointed to the overseas office in 1913. Previous to that he resided in Kitchener, having for many years been a public school principal there, and subsequently connected with one of the largest insurance companies in that city. Mr. Ferguson said that Mr. Reid had given excellent and whole-souled service to Ontario during his term of office, particularly in connection with the war activities of the Government. "He has been indefatigable at all times in his assistance to Canadian soldiers in England, and will be remembered by thousands with gratitude for his kindly offices extended on behalf of the people of Ontario," Mr. Ferguson said.

contain information for employers of labor with respect to measures to be taken to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

Dr. Hastings has not much faith in so-called cures for the influenza. "There is no specific cure for the Spanish influenza, so far as medical science knows," said he yesterday. He repeats his former advice to sufferers: "Call a doctor, and go to bed."

Word reached the City Hall yesterday morning that fifteen deaths had occurred at the park repair house in the old Central Prison, and an inspection was ordered at once.

Many Sad Cases.

Many sad cases are reported. Parents have died and left little children without provision; in one case the father died and left a sick widow with eight children under eleven years of age. They are penniless and must depend on the generosity of the citizens. Neighbors are looking after them in the meantime. There must be a large number of distressing cases like this. In many homes the entire family is down with the disease and nurses cannot be had. Police officers are taking food and looking after fires for a number of sick people who at night time especially have no one to care for them. In one house in Riverdale a soldier's wife is all alone, seriously ill with the influenza. The patrol sergeant keeps her fire going and sent the nurse up from the police station to make soup for her. Neighbors help in the daytime.

Military Situation Better.

A steady improvement in the influenza situation throughout this military district was reported yesterday afternoon by Lieut.-Col. Irving, A.D. M.S. In the previous 48 hours, he stated, the admissions from influenza had been considerably less than the discharges. In all military hospitals, with the exception of those out of town, not heard from in the previous 24 hours, there were 14 deaths. Of these eight were at the Base Hospital, one on Sunday and seven on Saturday. Three thousand doses of prophylactic vaccine are now available for troops in this district, it was said.

At the Base Hospital the serum which they are using has results which are sufficiently encouraging for the continuance of its use, according to Lieut.-Col. E. B. Hardy, D.S.O., the Officer Commanding. The serum has been in use a week, but the O.C. was unable to give any statistics regarding the results.

Regret is expressed by the men at the Davidsville Military Hospital at the death of Nursing Sister Grace Rogers. Although only at the hospital a month she had won all hearts. Her death was due to pneumonia. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers, Listowel.