

TWO SAD CASES IN BRANTFORD

Hospital Flu Baby's Mother Succumbs to the Disease

EPIDEMIC IS ABATING

But Churches to Remain Closed on Sunday, as a Rule

(Special and C. P. Despatches.)

Brantford, Oct. 25. — Two extremely sad cases have been reported in the influenza epidemic in this district. In the Emergency Hospital the mother of the "hospital flu baby," born there on Wednesday, succumbed to the disease, and the baby is now available for adoption, as are a number of other children orphaned during the epidemic.

On the Indian Reserve last night Mrs. Powels Maracle passed away, following her three children and her sister-in-law, all of whom died of influenza this week. Only the father remains.

The total death roll to-day was ten, and a few new cases have been reported, though a number of early victims are still low. Chairman J. W. Shepperson of the Board of Education has announced that the schools will not open on Monday next.

The Board of Health and the Ministerial Association, at a joint meeting this afternoon, decided that it was not wise to open the churches on Sunday next.

News From Ontario Points.

No deaths occurred in Galt yesterday as a result of the influenza epidemic, and it is thought now that it is definitely on the wane.

The influenza situation in Chatham is improving, but the Board of Health deems it wise to continue the ban on public meetings, and there will not be any church services on Sunday. Schools are not expected to open for another week.

Wallaceburg is feeling the full sweep of the influenza epidemic. Thursday night and yesterday morning there were four deaths. In three cases the death is the second in a family in a few days. Mrs. Lem Bowers died Thursday. Dorothy Peats died Thursday night. Her father died a few days ago. Fred. McNall died yesterday morning. His wife was buried Thursday. Mrs. James McGuire died yesterday morning. Her sister, Mrs. Frank Jones, died on Sunday.

The health authorities in Harwich and Blenheim township have issued orders closing all public gatherings of every sort.

In view of the fact that more than twenty new cases of influenza were reported by Kitchener physicians to Dr. McGillawa, M.O.H., and the appeal of President J. P. Hauch of the Ministerial Association that the churches be kept closed for at least another Sunday, the Board of Health yesterday afternoon decided to continue the ban until further notice. It was also determined to rigidly enforce the anti-spitting by-law.

Orders were issued by the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Public Health yesterday that all stores shall close at 7 o'clock on Saturday night, in order to avoid crowds gathering in the stores at night. The epidemic is being well handled in the city. Up to the present only five deaths have occurred.

Epidemic conditions in Kingston are improved, although there are many new cases reported. Deaths have decreased. By the beginning of the week it is expected that the doctors and hospitals and emergency nurses will have the situation well in hand. Queen's University will reopen on November 4.

Few new cases were reported in Brockville Thursday or yesterday. Although there have been a number of deaths in town attributed to the disease, the mortality rate is considered low compared to that in other towns and cities. Since October 10 until yesterday about 30 deaths from influenza or pneumonia have occurred in Brockville, 25 victims being residents of the town. Five residents of Mallorytown and one resident of Prescott passed away here in hospital.

Owing to the prompt and vigorous measures taken in Renfrew on its first appearance, the influenza epi-

demio has now waned. There have been no new cases in town for some days. The surrounding district is still suffering, but in lighter form. There were 60 deaths in town and 80 in the nearby townships in three weeks. Churches, schools and amusement places will open again next week.

Everyone to Wear a Mask.

Edmonton, Oct. 25. — Every person in the Province of Alberta will be compelled to wear a gauze mask outside his or her own home or residence, except when it is necessary to partially remove the mask for the purpose of eating. This order was issued by the Provincial Board of Health to-day.

Dr. Swenerton a Victim.

Vancouver, Oct. 25. — Dr. W. C. Swenerton, a prominent surgeon of this city, succumbed yesterday to influenza contracted while waiting on patients. He was born in Exeter, Ont., and was a graduate of the University of Toronto of the class of 1911. He was 31 years old.

Churches Must Stay Closed.

Montreal, Oct. 25. — The Provincial Board of Health this morning sent telegrams to all Bishops of Quebec, notifying them that the churches must again be closed next Sunday on account of the epidemic of influenza.

Between the hours of midnight and noon to-day the Board of Health received reports of the deaths of 73 persons from the influenza, while 555 new cases were recorded.

Rev. Father McGwan a Victim.

Windsor, Oct. 25. — Rev. Father Thomas J. McGwan, 28 years old, professor at Assumption College, Sandwich, died to-day of pneumonia which followed an attack of Spanish influenza. He had been ill only four days. He came to Sandwich two years ago from Cobourg, where his parents live. He was educated at the University of Toronto. Burial will be made Saturday morning in Assumption Church Cemetery.

Mrs. H. H. Kirkman, 33 years old, widow of Sergt. W. Kirkman, who was killed a year ago in France, was another victim to-day of the epidemic. She died at the home of her mother, 180 Hall avenue.

To-day's reports to the Windsor Board of Health showed 96 new cases of influenza, the largest total in any one day since the malady assumed epidemic proportions. Because of this Mayor Tuson announced that the ban on public meetings would not be lifted for another week at least.