

CITY DEATH RATE FALLS RAPIDLY

Epidemic of Influenza Dying Out Apparently in Toronto

From every section of the city reports were received yesterday that there was a marked falling off in the number of influenza cases, and even the deaths registered with the City Clerk yesterday reflected the decline of the malady.

Of 86 deaths registered at the City Hall yesterday, 45 were due to influenza, 18 pneumonia and 23 to other causes. The total of 63 deaths from the two diseases is a low registration, compared with the records of the past ten days.

While the disease is slowly being eradicated in Toronto there may be heavy death registrations during the balance of the week and occasional jumps in the number of cases, owing to families until now free from exposure coming in contact with contagion.

Is Inoculation of Use?

Dr. Hastings, M. O. H., laughs at the reported statement of two physicians that the only way to eradicate the disease is by inoculation or vaccination. Referring to an editorial in the latest issue of the American Medical Journal, which stated that vaccines for influenza were still in an experimental stage, the Doctor said there was no definite knowledge regarding the value of such treatment.

The Women's College Hospital wing was opened yesterday for patients and is being operated by the Health Department.

Officials of local cemeteries have been very busy during the past week, owing to the number of deaths from the epidemic. The shortage of labor has added to the difficulty, and while burials have not been made in trenches excavated by steam shovels, as in some cities, there are numbers of bodies in the cemetery vaults awaiting burial.

Naval Officer Dies.

Capt Anthony Randle of the Royal Naval Reserve, who was to have taken over command of the "Asp," a boat built by Polsons and commandeered by the Government, died at the Base Hospital of Spanish influenza. The officer, who was an Englishman, was 31 years of age, and had been in the city since May.