

# SPANISH "FLU" IS SPREADING

## More Municipalities in East- ern Ontario Report the Disease

### ALMONTE, OTTAWA ADDED

## Nurses Sent to Renfrew, but Difficult to Find Doctors

Twelve nurses have been hurriedly sent to Renfrew at the request of the Provincial Board of Health to combat the Spanish influenza epidemic in that place. One doctor from nearby is also giving part of his time to assist in the fight against the malady. It is hoped to send four or five more doctors to Renfrew almost at once, however, to insure every precaution being taken to check the spread of the disease.

The appeal which the board sent out in telegrams to surrounding towns and cities on Thursday night, asking for assistance, brought the information that Spanish influenza has a firm hold in other municipalities, too. The superintendent of the hospital in the town of Almonte replied that the hospital there was overflowing with patients suffering with the disease. The number was estimated at 100, but fortunately no deaths had resulted thus far. One doctor from Almonte, however, is going to give part time to fighting the malady in Renfrew.

In one hospital in Ottawa, which was asked to lend assistance, 18 of the nurses were suffering from the disease, a telegram received by Lieut.-Col. J. W. S. McCullough, the Provincial Officer of Health, said. Consequently no assistance could be given. Another hospital in the Capital wired that no assistance could be given, as they were swamped with cases of the "flu."

### Nurses Supplied.

The request of Dr. McCann, the Medical Health Officer at Renfrew, was for four or five doctors and twelve nurses. Already the latter part of this request has been complied with. Seven nurses have been sent from the Hospital for Insane at Brockville, one nurse has been sent from the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital at Brockville, and two nurses have been sent from both Kingston and Peterboro'.

Spanish influenza is not one of the communicable diseases that must be reported to the Provincial Department by the doctors of the Province. Consequently there is no way of knowing to what extent the malady has taken hold of the people of Ontario. Yesterday the first death from the malady was officially reported to the department, in a memorandum from Kitchener. Other deaths from the disease have been reported from elsewhere in the Province in press despatches.