

FUEL SCARCITY ACUTE IN YORK

Township Commission May Resign To-day as a Protest

Mr. John Henderson, Fuel Controller for York township, meets with Mr. R. Home Smith, Fuel Commissioner for the Province, to-day at 11 o'clock, "and if he does not receive satisfaction," the Fuel Commission of York township, appointed two weeks ago, will resign in a body at noon. This was the decision arrived at at a meeting of the Commission in the Township Council chambers yesterday.

It came out in the discussion that not 20 per cent. of the 70 per cent. of coal assigned to the township has been delivered. Between 1,000 and 1,500 families have not a pound of coal in their cellars. Since October 15, seventeen deaths have occurred in the township from Spanish influenza and pneumonia, and in several of the houses where death has occurred there is no coal. In many houses, with the whole family laid up with the "flu," there is no coal. One woman, with two boys overseas, has four children at home laid up, and has no means of providing warmth in the house.

Fuel Situation Serious.

The Commission felt that the situation was getting so acute that drastic measures would have to be adopted. Mr. Henderson stated that he had seen Mr. R. Home Smith several times, but that it had not added a pound of coal to the supply in the township.

The reason given for the coal situation is the refusal of the city dealers to deliver beyond the city limits, although in their estimates of last year's coal supply they included the coal they delivered in the township. The 70 per cent. coal supply of the township, dealers based on the coal they themselves supplied last winter, and does not begin to cover the wants of the 35,000 people in York township. "Ten per cent. of them only have coal," said Mr. Henderson.