

RENFREW HIT BY SPANISH "FLU"

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Spanish influenza is epidemic in the eastern part of the Province, according to a statement issued late yesterday by Lieut.-Col. J. W. S. McCullough, Provincial Officer of health. Between 400 and 500 cases have developed in Renfrew and ten deaths have resulted from a complication of pneumonia. It also has a foothold in other parts of the Province. For the past three weeks there have been cases of the malady in the military camps at Niagara-on-the-Lake; it has also been reported in the local aviation barracks. Yesterday the department was advised that there were cases of the disease in London. Kitchener also has a number of cases.

The department is taking prompt measures to render relief to the situation in Eastern Ontario. News of the epidemic was received by Col. McCullough yesterday afternoon in a telegram from Dr. James J. McCann, Medical Officer of Health at Renfrew. Immediately a conference was held between Hon. W. D. McPherson, of whose department the Provincial Board of Health is part; Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, whose home is in Renfrew, and Lieut.-Col. McCullough.

Telegrams were at once despatched, as a result of this conference, to the medical superintendents of the Provincial institutions at Brockville and Kingston, and likewise to the superintendents of the general hospitals at Almonte, Belleville, Brockville, Kingston, Lindsay, Mattawa, Ottawa, Peterboro' and Smith's Falls, asking their aid and requesting them to reply immediately stating how many doctors and nurses were available to go to Renfrew. Arrangements were also made for quick transportation in order to render every possible assistance to the Renfrew sufferers. Dr. P. J. Moloney of Cornwall, District Officer of Health for the Eastern District, was also directed to proceed at once to Renfrew, and leave nothing undone to control the situation.