

'FLU' MAY DELAY GOVERNMENT WORK.

Hundred Clerks Off in One Department Alone—News From Various Points

(Special and C. P. Despatches.)

Important Government work, it is feared, may be delayed owing to the spread of influenza in the Civil Service at Ottawa, more than a hundred clerks being absent yesterday from the Finance Department alone; most of the attacks are mild.

A slight slackening in the number of fresh cases at Kitchener was recorded yesterday, one of four deaths being the wife of a man who died Wednesday. The Board of Health is endeavoring to secure nursing assistance from Hamilton. Two deaths have occurred in one family at Godorich within 48 hours, and there are a number of other serious cases in town.

Two Mariners Victims.

Harold P. J. Weese, aged nineteen years, a sailor, died at Belleville of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. Captain Arthur Cousins, with whom he had sailed Lake Ontario this season, died yesterday in Oswego of the disease.

Will Prohibit Meetings.

At Winnipeg Dr. A. J. Douglas, Health Officer, announced that a proclamation will be issued within a few days closing schools, theatres and churches and prohibiting public meetings in Winnipeg and suburbs to prevent the spread of Spanish influenza, not because of any alarming conditions at present, but to prevent conditions such as have arisen in the East. If the malady spreads similar measures will be taken over the entire Province. Two new cases were reported yesterday.

In Halifax twelve new cases of Spanish influenza were reported yesterday morning. All the cases are light, and no deaths occurred yesterday.

Peterboro' Closes Meeting Places.

Peterboro', Oct. 10.—The schools, theatres and other public meeting places, including Brock Street Tabernacle, where Dr. Honeywell is conducting a series of revival meetings, have been closed by Mr. C. H. Anys, M. O. H., as a precautionary measure against the further spread of Spanish influenza, which has broken out here in a mild form. The places will remain closed until Tuesday of next week. There are forty or fifty cases in the city at present.

Brookville, Oct. 10.—Doctor A. J. Macaulay, Medical Officer of Health, believes some cases of Spanish influenza exist here. He could not say how many, as he had not received reports, as doctors were reluctant to diagnose an ailment as such until careful observation of symptoms had been made.

Miss Kathleen Barker, eldest daughter of Rev. A. H. Barker, Baptist Minister, Delta, Ont., died this week from pneumonia following grippe. She was seventeen years old.

Kingston Board of Education decided not to close the schools till so advised by the Medical Officer of Health.