

# HAMILTON NEWS

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

**Hamilton, Oct. 15.**—Since Saturday there has been a considerable increase in the number of cases of Spanish influenza in this city, 72 cases having been reported to the Health Office for Sunday and Monday, and 62 more to-day, a total of 134 since Saturday, when over 500 cases had been reported. To-day's death list from this cause contained seventeen names since Saturday. There has been talk of closing the schools, but the M. O. H. has so far decided against this. The City and St. Joseph Hospitals are working at great pressure, and with reduced staffs, a number of nurses and doctors being ill. The military authorities report an abatement in the barracks, where the epidemic first manifested itself in a severe form. Dr. Roberts, M. O. H., has asked Boston to return to this city the nurses who went there to fight the epidemic before it began to rage here, and he also requests that any number of spare nurses up to one hundred be sent to this city. The undertakers have been asked to bury all victims of the disease within twenty-four hours, and are complying with this request. All funerals are private, and only immediate relatives of the deceased persons are permitted to view their remains. Arrangements are being made to provide temporary hospital quarters for the accommodation of patients whose condition is serious and who cannot be properly cared for at their homes.

## Conference Delegates Stricken.

So far not many of the delegates to the Methodist General Conference have been stricken, but two were reported ill to-day. The disease attacked the family of Rev. F. W. Wootton, pastor of Charlton Avenue Methodist Church, with the result that all were confined to their home and Rev. Mr. Wootton was unable to be in his pulpit on Sunday. He has as guests Rev. Dr. Joliffe of Manitoba University, and Rev. Dr. Denike of Havelock, Man., delegates to the Conference, and they have been stricken with the disease. All are reported to be recovering.