

# 3,000 CASES IN BRANTFORD

## Spanish Influenza Still Spreading--Medical Health Officer Resigns

### RAVAGES ELSEWHERE

## More Municipalities Order Closing of Schools and Bar Meetings

(Special and C. P. Despatches.)

**Brantford, Oct. 15.**—A stirring appeal for nursing aid was issued by the health authorities here to-day, following the opening of the Tabernacle Emergency Hospital.

The spread of Spanish influenza shows no stoppage, and it is estimated that there are now 3,000 cases of the disease within the municipal limits. Dr. Pearson, Medical Officer of Health, declared that the situation was most serious, and people had to come forward and volunteer their services. So rushed has he been with private work that he has tendered his resignation as Medical Officer of Health, following upon friction in connection with the Board of Health, the Chairman of which, it is alleged, pooh-poohed all Dr. Pearson's requests, declaring that there was no Spanish influenza in the city, at a time when Dr. Pearson claimed there were over 100 cases.

Local druggists have constantly refused to handle liquor, as they are allowed to do under the temperance enactments, but this has been waived, and a supply was brought in to-day. A truck was also sent to Toronto in a hurry for drugs, the local supply having been exhausted by the great demand.

### How Other Places Suffered.

Three of the Kitchener victims of Spanish influenza yesterday were Frank A. Smith, a former traveler, and latterly in the furniture supply business, 35 years of age, survived by his wife, his mother, two brothers and two sisters; Miss Cora Smith of the Suddaby School staff, whose parents reside in Listowel, and Miss Edna Louise Luft, aged 20, daughter of Julius Luft, who the same day received a message that his son, Lance-Corp. Fred. C. Luft, had been admitted to hospital in Manchester, suffering from gunshot wound in the face.

At Port Arthur, W. J. Kennerd, a commercial traveler, representing the J. Winter Company, Toronto, died. There have been three deaths there out of about a score of cases; and on the Niagara Reserve there are many cases and have been five deaths.

The first death in Whitby from "flu" was that of Arthur Wilkinson, a young married man, in whose case pneumonia supervened. Two brothers are ill with the disease; a younger brother was killed in France some months ago. All the inmates of one hotel in town are in bed with influenza.

Robt. Sinclair, latterly of New Bedford, Mass., brother of T. L. Sinclair, St. Mary's, died at that place, aged forty-three.

In Chatham Mrs. R. Emery Rose, aged thirty-three, died, leaving her husband and four sons. The funeral took place of Cadet George Edward Grimaell, nineteen years of age, who had entered the Air Force just a month prior to being taken ill with pneumonia. The remains of John Davis, whose age made against his recovery, were laid to rest, and the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter of Dover township died after a few days' illness of influenza.

### Closing of Public Places.

A number of cities and towns have closed meeting places. Dr. H. O. Howitt, M.O.H. at Guelph, has prevented any socials, concerts or banquets from being held, and the theatre managers will voluntarily close their houses after to-night. There are a great many cases of Spanish "flu" in the city, and nearly seventy-five at the Ontario Agricultural College and Macdonald Hall. Brantford Y.M.C.A. has discontinued all activities, schools and theatres are closed. Chatham postoffice is making only one delivery of mail in the residence section, and no further until it. Schools were closed yesterday at Niagara-on-the-Lake, a movie, the pool-rooms, churches and clubs have all been ordered closed, and no public meetings are to be held till the epidemic has run its course. There are more "flu" cases, it is said, outside of the town than in it.

### Cobalt M.O.H. is Ill.

The St. Catharines Board of Health will keep all public places closed till the disease is wiped out. All public meetings in Cobalt are banned. The M.O.H., Dr. McLaren, is himself suffering from the disease. Halleybury M.O.H. has ordered the high school, theatre and market closed indefinitely. Sarnia has closed all schools, churches, theatres, bowling alleys, halls and pool rooms. Woodstock, Midland and St. Thomas have taken similar action. In the latter place it is estimated at least twelve hundred persons are visiting.

Eight deaths have occurred from "flu" in Vancouver, two during Monday night; 270 cases are reported. Eighty-nine new cases were reported up to noon yesterday at Victoria, bringing the total to 305, with two deaths to date.

### Member of B.C. Legislature Dies.

R. P. Walters, member of the British Columbia Legislature for Affair, died of pneumonia Monday night at Moncton, N.B.

### 153 Deaths in Montreal.

As a direct result of the new regulations in Montreal, making it obligatory to report, the number of cases given in to the City Health Department yesterday totaled 1,868 with 153 deaths. The C.P.R., Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern Railways issued instructions to clean and disinfect their cars thoroughly. Delivery men were asked to hand in all goods at the doors and not to enter houses.