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REPORTS ON EPIDEMIC

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(Special and C. P. Despatches.)

Kitchener, Oct. 13.—To-day was "churchless" day in Kitchener and Waterloo, no services being held in any of the churches, in compliance with the order of the Boards of Health, in the effort to combat the Spanish influenza epidemic. It was one of the quietest Sundays ever experienced in this city, the ringing of church bells being greatly missed. The use of automobiles showed a marked increase to-day, however, compared with the last few Sundays, the owners of cars having placed them at the disposal of the Daughters of the Empire, the Victoria Order of Nurses and kindred organizations rendering assistance to numerous families afflicted with the "flu." Families of seven and eight have been located that were suffering with the disease without receiving attention. Physicians in the city expressed the belief that there were fewer new cases reported to-day than any day of the last week. Six deaths have occurred during the last 24 hours, however.

General Closing Orders.

Services and meetings of all kinds have been forbidden, and theatres, movies, schools, dance halls, pool-rooms, etc., are closed until further notice in a number of places, including Brockville, St. Catharines, Port Colborne, St. Thomas and Brantford. St. Catharines excepts public gatherings for the Victory Loan campaign, and makes the closing order effective at midnight Monday, so as not to prevent Thanksgiving services or cut off the holiday theatre business, and St. Thomas closes schools, theatres and churches on and after Monday. Brockville Board of Health orders all places closed until further notice where twenty-five or more persons congregate.

Serious Situation in Brantford.

There are reported to be 2,500 cases of Spanish influenza in Brantford. The Tabernacle on Brant avenue, used last winter as messing headquarters for the 2nd Central Ontario Regiment, was taken over Saturday morning by the Board of Health for use as an emergency hospital to care for 100 of the most severe cases, such as those from homes where there is no one left to care for any who are ill. The Board of Health is calling for volunteer nurses for this hospital, and the Board of Trade will conduct a publicity campaign to teach the public how to avoid contagion. Dr. F. G. Pearson, M.O.H., considers the situation more serious than if there were a smallpox epidemic. The General Hospital will admit no more cases except those of accidents or emergency operations, as its accommodation is overtaxed.

Ingersoll, Oct. 13.—Relatives here

have been apprised of the death at Bellport, Long Island, New York, yesterday, of Mrs. Margaret Galloway, formerly of this town. She was a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Husband, Concession street, and the body will be brought here for burial. The first word received here of her illness came on Thursday. It is supposed she was a victim of Spanish influenza, as pneumonia developed quickly after she was seized with a severe cold. Mrs. Galloway had been nursing in New York for more than two years.

Fifty Deaths in Montreal.

Montreal, Oct. 13.—Fifty deaths from Spanish influenza were reported to the health authorities here yesterday. The military deaths here amounted to nine. Two hundred and two fresh cases have been reported.

Eight deaths occurred in Brantford Saturday, and six more on Sunday. Two big factories are closed, and others have more than half their employees laid up with the "flu." Seventeen nurses at the General Hospital are down with it.

Owen Sound has more than three hundred cases of "flu," the General and Marine Hospitals being filled, and volunteer nurses are urgently called for. Many students home from universities and normal schools will not return to the large centres till conditions improve.

There are a thousand cases in St. Thomas, mostly of a mild character. A number of new cases were reported at Windsor and other border towns, one of the victims being Immigration Officer Geo. B. Lodge, whose condition is serious.

V.A.D.'s have been called upon to send additional aid to Queen's Military Hospital and the Hotel Dieu at Kingston.

A number of Belleville industries are badly crippled; there are said to be seven hundred cases of influenza in the city.

Pte. Roy Ernest Gould of Napanee, a military policeman of the Depot Battalion, formerly a Grand Trunk foreman, has succumbed to pneumonia following influenza.

Eli Edgar Austin, twenty-four years old, died of pneumonia after four days' illness at Port Colborne, in which place there are more than fifty cases of influenza, and many others in Humberstone. Steamers are tied up, their entire crews being affected.

Alex. C. Miller, a druggist, and Mrs. Alfred Layng, were victims of pneumonia at Brockville, after only a few days' illness.

In Brantford Gordon Scarfe, of the firm of Scarfe & Co., varnish makers, died after four days' illness; he was a son of Sheriff Scarfe, was thirty-eight years of age, and prominent in social and industrial life; he leaves a wife and two children. F. R. Redditt, floor manager of the E. B. Crompton & Co.'s departmental store in Brantford, formerly of Barrie, also died after a few days' illness, leaving a wife and two children.

So far, in Military District No. 3 (Kingston and Ottawa), 281 cases of influenza have been reported among soldiers, with four deaths.

The third death from influenza occurred in Woodstock Saturday, when Frank Laving, twenty-eight years of age, succumbed after a few days' illness. Dr. MacKay, M.O.H., reports that the number of new cases is greatly offset by the number of those who have completely recovered and returned to their employment.

Niagara Falls Board of Health, at closing time Saturday, ordered every store and other place of business thoroughly fumigated. Every house with an influenza case in it is placarded as a warning to outsiders not to enter. Paris and Simcoe authorities have decided on closing orders. In the latter town three of the four physicians have been afflicted; in Paris three cases have proved fatal. At the Wolseley Barracks, London, there are 85 cases and one death reported.