

SPANISH "FLU" STILL SPREADS

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and Theatres Closed—Also
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Its Assistance—Nurses
at St. Kitts Ill**

(Special and C. P. Despatches.)
Kitchener, Oct. 7.—Medical Officer of Health Dr. J. McGillawee, acting under instructions from the Kitchener Board of Health, has issued an order closing all schools, churches and theatres, and forbidding public gatherings until further notice. This action was taken in an attempt to check the spread of Spanish influenza, which already has claimed twelve victims during the past seven days. Reports from local medical men show there are over 3,000 cases in the city. Those who died from the malady over the week-end were: Mrs. W. Straus, aged 61 years; Martin Plantz, aged 47 years; Lloyd Buschert, aged 6 months; Mrs. Margaret Slalley, aged 34 years, and Otto Hagen, aged 20.

Chathamite Dies in Sydney.
Chatham, Oct. 7.—L. Wilbur Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Davis of this city, died in Sydney, N.S., from pneumonia, following Spanish influenza. He was 28 years of age, and enlisted in June. He was in charge of the dispensary, and second in charge of the hospital at Sydney when taken ill about a week ago. The remains are being brought here for interment.

Schools, Shops, Offices Hard Hit.
About five hundred children and eight teachers are away from class to-day with la grippe. Shops and offices in the city have been hard hit, and physicians are nearly worked off their feet. No known cases of the Spanish influenza have developed here. The schools will not likely be closed, as officials think the children just as safe in school as anywhere else, as the disease is general over the country.

Nine Nurses Down With It.
St. Catharines, Oct. 7.—An outbreak of influenza among the nurses of the General Hospital caused the hospital to be closed to visitors yesterday and to-day. Nine nurses are ill. The epidemic has not spread to any other portions of the city.

Six Cases at Niagara.
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Oct. 7.—There are six cases of Spanish influenza in this town, according to Dr. Riggs, Medical Officer of Health. Three of the cases are convalescents and none of the others is serious. Dr. Riggs does not anticipate an epidemic here, but he has taken the precaution to confer with Dr. J. W. S. McCullough of Toronto, Chief Medical Officer for Ontario, with reference to taking measures to prevent a general outbreak, and as to

the advisability of closing the schools and "movies."
Dr. Riggs stated this afternoon that Dr. McCullough has advised against closing schools or picture shows unless the disease becomes more deeply rooted than it is at present.

Government Aiding in Fight.

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—The Dominion Government is lending its assistance to the Ottawa municipal authorities to combat the influenza epidemic, which is daily becoming more serious at the Capital. This morning Sir George Foster, acting Prime Minister, wrote all the Deputy Ministers of departments, asking them to release certain officials in the departments to assist in the fight against the epidemic.

Spreading in Sherbrooke.

Sherbrooke, Oct. 7.—The Spanish influenza epidemic is spreading in the city. The total deaths for the week-end number twenty-five. The disease is spreading to other sections of the Eastern Townships, and a number of deaths from outside the city have been reported. More temporary hospitals have been established. The Court of King's Bench has been adjourned for two weeks.

Fifty Deaths in M. D. 4.

Montreal, Oct. 7.—The Montreal Military District has suffered severely from the epidemic of Spanish influenza. All told, there are 856 cases under treatment in the district, of which 495 are in St. John's Barracks and 361 in various military hospitals in Montreal. Of this total, however, a large number of cases are convalescent and ready to be discharged. There are ninety in this category in St. John's alone. Deaths from the "flu" since the epidemic struck the military total fifty in No. 4 Military District.

Twenty-one new military cases were admitted to hospital yesterday, nineteen of these being in Montreal and two in St. John's. Deaths numbered nine yesterday. Among them were: Lieut. Sidney A. Lang, Toronto, Engineers' Training Depot; Pte. Ellis Garnet, 1st Battalion, Manitoba Regiment; Pte. Gregory, 1st Battalion, Manitoba Regiment.

McGill Lectures Closed.

Medical lectures, clinics, etc., will be closed at McGill University indefinitely. A movement is on foot to close up all schools and theatres.

All Meetings Stopped.

Sydney, N.S., Oct. 7.—There are over 700 known cases of Spanish influenza in Sydney, and the Board of Health has followed the banning of dancing halls, theatres and schools by closing churches, bowling alleys, pool-rooms and all meetings whatsoever.

Unless the situation improves within a day or two the tramway service will be stopped.

Ninety-two Cases at Halifax.

Halifax, Oct. 7.—At a meeting of the Board of Health here to-day twenty-two cases of Spanish influenza were reported since Saturday, making a total of 92 cases reported. Eleven of these were among citizens and eleven military cases. Two deaths were reported locally, and one at Lawlor's Island Quarantine Station.

City Medical Officer Bruce Almon, who is also attached to the A.M.C. here with the rank of Captain, has refused to devote his entire time to the city during the crisis, giving as his reason the small salary received for holding the position, \$1,200 per year.

Two Die at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Oct. 7.—Ptes. E. Murray and W. Barney, residents of Quebec, died in the I.O.D.E. Quarantine Hospital here to-day of Spanish influenza. Other Easterners belonging to military units are seriously ill of the malady in Winnipeg hospitals

at present. Two are at the point of death.

Hundred Cases at Stratford.

Stratford, Oct. 7.—About one hundred cases of Spanish influenza are reported here, and they are hourly increasing. The first death occurred about 2 o'clock this afternoon, when Samuel McConnell, aged thirty, passed away after a few days' illness. He was born in Clinton, and had lived here twenty years. His brother John is ill with the same disease. A sister here, and a brother, Charles, a prisoner of war in Germany, survive. Precautionary measures have been taken, and all children with colds have been sent home from schools, and employers of labor requested to do likewise with their employees.

Brantford Doctors Overworked.

Brantford, Oct. 7.—Dr. Hearson, Medical Officer of Health, when asked how many cases of Spanish influenza there were in the city, said he could not tell, because there were hundreds of which even the doctors did not know. Seven public school teachers were off from it to-day, and civic staffs, as well as those of offices, banks, and factories, are badly shattered. In one newspaper office six laid off this morning. It is reported that there has been a great increase in the number of school children off. The doctors here are overworked, and fear a breakdown on their part. On the other hand, Chairman T. J. Minnes of the Board of Health declared that there is no need for alarm, as the reports and rumors going around were greatly exaggerated. He expects to secure figures as to the number of cases to-morrow morning. But in the meantime, many well-known citizens are missing from their usual posts, and there is not the slightest doubt that more people are ill to-day than in any epidemic for years past.

St. Thomas Schools May Close.

St. Thomas, Oct. 7.—Because of the rapid spread of Spanish influenza among the juvenile and older population of the city, the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Board of Health, is seriously considering closing all the schools for a few weeks until the epidemic has been conquered. Babcock Street School has already been hard hit by the "flu," a large number of the pupils being confined to their homes with light cases. No serious cases have developed yet, although several of the older residents are suffering from the disease.