

THREE NURSES DIE OF "FLU"

Succumb at Lindsay to Epidemic After Waiting on Others

VOLUNTEERS LAID LOW

But Many Cities Report That the Number of Cases is Diminishing

(Special and C. P. Despatches.)
Lindsay, Oct. 28.—Three nurses succumbed yesterday to the prevailing epidemic—namely, Miss Mary Costello, graduate nurse, who had been waiting on the late Father Kingsley; Miss Margaret Meehan, nurse in training at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, and Miss Risba Pratt, nurse in training at the Ross Memorial Hospital here. Miss Pratt's remains were taken to her home in Petrolia this morning, while the double funeral of Nurses Costello and Meehan was held from St. Mary's Church this morning.

Marked Improvement at Brantford.

Brantford, Oct. 28.—While the maximum number of patients at the Emergency Hospital here at any one time reached 134, to-day but 70 patients remained, and many of them were convalescing. Over the week-end there were 22 deaths, among them Miss Helen Stuart of Hamilton, who for seven years was head nurse here of the Victorian Order of Nurses; Fred Johnston, an expert at the Verity Plow Works, and well-known member of the Verity baseball team, and Miss Hargreaves, teacher at the Bellview School. Many of the volunteer workers who commenced work at the start of the epidemic are now confined to their homes, having themselves fallen victims. On the whole, however, the situation shows marked improvement.

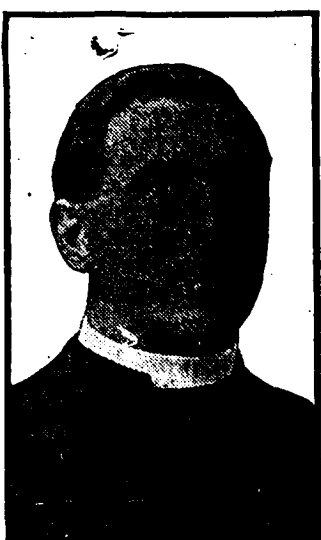
Miss Margaret Hargreaves, teacher at the Bellview School, was a daughter of the Chairman of Brantford township Board of Health. She was very active in Parkdale district, instituting a corps of Girl Guides here. Mrs. Dr. C. H. Sauder was also a week-end victim. On the Reserve, where help is hard to get, there are many particularly sad cases. In one such reported to-day, three members of a family are dead and two are seriously ill.

Move to Maintain Children.

There is a movement on foot to commence a subscription fund to maintain in their homes, with proper care, the many children who have been orphaned in the epidemic. It is expected that the Social Service League will head the effort. There are a number of cases where five, six or seven children have been left without either father or mother.

Death of R. E. Crane.

St. Thomas, Oct. 28.—R. E. Crane, a prominent druggist, formerly of Toronto, from which city he came to St. Thomas nine years ago, died at his residence, 72 Wellington street, this morning, after a week's illness of Spanish influenza followed by pneumonia. He was a member of Zetland Lodge, Toronto, and affiliated with No. 44 A.F. & A.M., St.



CAPT. THE REV. CHAS. A. SPARLING, Formerly rector of St. Mark's Church, Hamilton, who died of influenza on Saturday.

Thomas. Besides his wife and parents he leaves one brother, J. N., of Kamloops, B.C., and three sisters. Mrs. R. T. Collins of Hamilton, and Mrs. Fred Reid and Mrs. Geo. Parker of Toronto.

Death at Huntsville.

Mrs. Russell Hern, wife of the Secretary and Manager of the Hern Hardware Co. of Huntsville, and daughter of William Turnbull, late Secretary of the Huntsville Lumber Co., died suddenly Sunday, following an attack of la grippe. Besides her husband, she leaves one young child.

Worse Throughout Alberta.

Calgary, Oct. 28.—Influenza conditions throughout the Province are growing worse generally, though a few towns report the epidemic well in hand. Drumheller, with 1,500 cases, 25 deaths, no nurses and one or more cases in every home in the valley, is the worst.

Calgary undertakers estimate the deaths in the city from influenza at from 65 to 75 the past week. It is estimated there are between 4,000 and 5,000 cases in the city. It is likely another school will be turned into a hospital to-morrow.

No Improvement at Belleville.

Belleville, Oct. 28.—The number of deaths in this city and the immediate vicinity yesterday and to-day totaled fifteen. Of these ten took place in Belleville. There seems no improvement in the influenza situation, quite a number of new cases having developed. The Medical Officer of Health is advising the public generally to get inoculated.

W. R. Westlake's Death.

Whitby, Oct. 28.—Mr. Wm. R. Westlake, one of Whitby's young business men, died here last night from pneumonia after a week's illness. He was in his twenty-ninth year, and had opened a grocery business about a year ago. He was born in Whitby, and was a son of the late Wm. Westlake. His widowed mother and one married sister survive.

Man Dies, Wife and Child Ill.

Woodstock, Oct. 28.—Robert Alexander Cunningham, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cunningham of Innerkip, died yesterday after an illness of but four days in London Hospital from influenza, which later developed into pneumonia. Some days ago he and his wife and little

daughter, Clara, all became stricken with the dread disease.

To Reopen, Next Week.

Kingston, Oct. 28.—Next Sunday the churches will be opened and on Monday next the theatres, schools and pool rooms will again be in operation. The influenza epidemic here is well under control, doctors reporting a marked decrease in cases.

Brechin Merchant's Death.

Brechin, Oct. 28.—Influenza claimed another victim here in the person of Richard Sheridan, who died this morning. He had been ailing for some days, and on Friday last developed pneumonia. He was a very successful merchant, and in addition gave much of his time to public affairs, holding among other positions, membership on the Separate School Board. He was thirty-five years of age. He is survived by his wife, Miss Flora Allen of Penetanguishene, and five children, also by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Sheridan of Brechin, and by two brothers and a sister, Thomas Sheridan of Brechin; Rev. J. J. Sheridan, C.S.B., of St. Michael's College; Mrs. Hugh McPhail of Brechin. The funeral will take place on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

From Other Ontario Points.

The influenza situation continues to improve in London. The number of new cases has steadily fallen off. Two more deaths were reported between midnight and noon, but of cases contracted some time ago.

The Brantford Township Board of Health has closed all schools and has banned all gatherings, including outdoor auction sales. Dr. Mott, Township M. O. H., reports 110 new cases developed.

Forty Deaths So Far in Galt.

Just two weeks ago yesterday the first death in Galt occurred as a result of the influenza epidemic. Since that time the death toll has numbered 40. Yesterday's victims included: Walter G. Houghton, married, aged thirty-one; William Moir, married, aged thirty-four; Samuel Hamilton, aged forty-three; Edward M. McInerney, married, aged twenty-five; Agnes E. Jackson, aged nineteen; George Percival, married, aged twenty-nine; Mrs. Lily Bailey, aged thirty-nine; Mrs. James Raynor, aged thirty-seven. Dr. Radford, M.O.H., declares the crest has been reached and he looks for an improvement in the situation at once.

Worse Turn in St. Thomas.

The "flu" situation in St. Thomas took a decided turn for the worse yesterday, nearly 40 new cases being reported by the local physicians. Mayor Horton is making an urgent appeal for volunteer nurses, those who have been assisting in the fight against the epidemic being now exhausted. Six more deaths were reported yesterday, bringing the total number for St. Thomas from the contagion well over 30.