

NO CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD HERE

Order Issued to Stop Spread of the Spanish Influenza.

IS GRIPPING TORONTO
Number of Cases Growing and Care Should Be Exercised.

Spanish influenza has a tight hold on Toronto and the number of cases is growing. The danger is not so much from the "flu" itself as from the pneumonia which so often follows it, and nearly always with fatal results.

Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., yesterday ordered that no convention be allowed to open in Toronto for a month. The only exception is shown in the United States cities where it has made its appearance.

There are quite a few conventions scheduled in Toronto during the next month and some of these are: The Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec, scheduled to open on Wednesday next, and the National Association of Electrical Contractors and Dealers is to open on Monday. There is also a three days' conference of local church workers in behalf of Israel, arranged for next week. The big convention of the Ontario Sunday School Association is to open on October 21, and the Ontario Hydro convention is scheduled for Oct. 23. The Toronto teachers may also be affected.

A drastic order issued by the M.O.H. yesterday was that only relatives be allowed to attend the funerals of influenza victims.

Dr. Hastings has no faith in throat spraying or other antiseptic agents to keep away the germs, for he stated that any any wash strong enough to kill the germs would cause an irritation of the throat, thus making a soil for the germs.

Toronto nurses who went to Boston have not yet been recalled, but, according to the health department, the disease has not yet reached a stage serious enough to need them. There were fewer calls at the health department for nurses, as people down with the disease realize that nurses are very hard to get, and another reason is that the good weather is having effect in reducing the number of cases.

Telephone Economy.
The Bell Telephone Company is requesting that all unnecessary phoning be done away with. Some 250 switchboard operators are away on sick leave. However, all these are not suffering from the "flu," but some have had colds, while others are off nursing members of their families.

Any girl who appears to have contracted the disease is sent home, and those who return after being seriously ill are instructed to bring a doctor's certificate. Everything possible is being done to prevent the disease spreading.

In their request the company state that if people would do away with frivolous phoning, it would be a great help to the girls, who are now doubling and trebling in their work to keep the system going.

While the Toronto exchanges have only 15 per cent. of the girls away other branches in Ontario are not doing so well. The Hamilton, Brantford and Niagara Falls districts have been seriously affected. In Kitchener over 70 per cent. of the operators are down with influenza. Many ex-operators are offering their services to help the company out of the difficulty.

In Postal Department.
Postmaster Lemon reports that there are only 50 cases of sickness in his department, out of a total of 1500 employees, so that the work at the postoffice is not noticeably crippled.

At the plant of the Dunlop Tire and Traction Goods Company, all the employees have been laid off till Tuesday morning, to enable the management to fumigate the buildings.

About 15 per cent. of the Consumers Gas Company employees are laid off, and thus far only one death has resulted.

In the city hall, comparatively few employees are ill with the disease, but there are 30 firemen off duty. The city car lines have five men off, and the works department reports one foreman and two workmen absent from one job, and eight from another.

A hurry call was sent out yesterday by military headquarters for doctors and nurses to assist in stamping out the epidemic which has broken out in the military population of the district. They have appealed to the General Hospital for extra help, and to the Academy of Medicine for cooperation of the medical and nursing professions.

Mr. Irving, A.D.M.S., says that the situation is serious, and he appeals to the civilian population to release soldiers for work among the soldiers.

Schools Hard Hit.
The schools in the city are hard hit, as a double substitute teacher is needed on duty to replace those who are ill. Pupils by the thousands are remaining away from school, many undoubtedly being kept away by parents who fear they may contract the disease at school or on their way home. In many of the larger schools nearly 50 per cent. of the pupils are absent, and in every school the trouble seems on the increase.

The health department at Bishop Strachan private school has been suspended until such time as travel will be safer for the girls.

The hospitals are full to overflowing, and calls continue to come asking for the admittance of fresh cases. The number of cases in the various hospitals are as follows:

Hospital	Patients	Ill	Deaths
General	87	41	9
St. Michael's	21	3	0
St. Joseph's	25	24	0
St. George's	35	16	2
St. Andrew's	5	3	0
St. Nicholas	17	8	0
St. Elizabeth's	211	95	14

Deaths in Base Hospital, 10; Davison Hospital, 1.

NURSES ARE NEEDED URGENTLY AT ONCE

Academy of Medicine Asks for Help to Care for Influenza Patients.

The council of the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, held a special session on Friday afternoon to consider what further means might be undertaken to alleviate the suffering of the public during the present epidemic of influenza.

In view of the urgent demand for nurses to care for the civil and military sick, and for hospital accommodation, the council of the academy urges, first, that all nurses who are themselves physically fit and who are at present not engaged in nursing, should report themselves for duty without delay to the central registry, to the lady superintendent of the hospitals, or to the military medical authorities; second, that all persons who can possibly dispense with their services, should release them at once, in order that they may report elsewhere for urgent duty; third, that persons contemplating surgical operations other than those which are strictly urgent, should have them deferred until the present epidemic is thoroughly under control and the situation in respect to hospital accommodation and nursing is relieved; and fourth, that the women of the community respond without delay to the urgent request made by the medical health officer of Toronto to the effect that women who are able to

YEAST CAKE A DAY WILL KEEP INFLUENZA AWAY

The use of yeast as a preventive against and cure for Spanish influenza is suggested by Dr. Frederick H. Knoff, a leading specialist of diseases of the lungs and physician to the tuberculosis clinic.

Yeast, Dr. Knoff said, has been used with success for many years in the treatment of acute bronchitis, diseases of the skin and gastro-intestinal diseases. He advises people to eat three yeast cakes, one with each meal.

The free use of yeast, the doctor claims, will ward off possible attack of influenza. The product increases the white blood corpuscles, which attack the disease, and thereby adds to the power of resistance in the body. Dr. Knoff explained.

Many doctors here and elsewhere are administering yeast in treating various infectious diseases," Dr. Knoff said, "and report exceptional results."

WORKROOMS CLOSED.
The university hospital supply workrooms will be closed until further notice on account of the epidemic of influenza.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE.
Spanish influenza claimed two victims, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, who died within 12 hours of each other at their late residence, 1265 East Gerrard street. They leave eight children. Mrs. Martin died on Thursday and her husband on Friday. Mrs. Martin's mother is lying critically ill and is not expected to recover. The funeral will take place today at Norway Cemetery. Rev. H. A. Berlis of Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church will officiate.

J. W. NEWSTEAD DEAD.

Seven children of the late Henry Hauger, Erie terrace, who was buried on Thursday last at St. John's Cemetery, Norway, are laid up with the Spanish influenza. None of the cases are serious, and some of the children are rapidly recovering.

CLOSED TO VISITORS.
In order to prevent the development of Spanish influenza in the wards of the Hospital for Sick Children, instructions have been issued by the M. O. H. that visiting be dispensed with during the epidemic.

Convention Postponed.
The Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec, which was to have been held in Jarvis Street Church from October 16 to 22 will be postponed on account of the M. O. H. instructions regarding the influenza epidemic and the cancellation of public meetings, according to Rev. C. E. McLeod, secretary.

INFLUENZA ABATING IN BOTH THE CAMPS

Niagara Camp, Oct. 11.—The influenza in the Canadian camp as well in the Polish camp appears to be abating. No new cases in the Canadian camp were reported yesterday or today, and this afternoon Capt. Armstrong, acting A.D.M.S., stated that there were 50 cases ready for discharge from hospital. This leaves 220 "flu" cases still in the Canadian camp hospital, but it is expected that by the time camp breaks up next Tuesday 160 more will be discharged. Five of the patients, including Capt. Grisdale of the army medical corps, are seriously ill, and Capt. Andrews, camp chaplain, is still far from convalescent. The Polish camp has about 100 influenza cases yet, but there have not been any deaths for a couple of days. The total number of deaths in the Polish camp from influenza is 18, and the total in the Canadian camp three.

With reference to the statement made in Toronto to the effect that of 500 influenza cases at the base hospital, the greater number had gone from Niagara Camp, it is officially stated here that, with the exception of six nurses, who were sent from this camp to the base hospital, absolutely no influenza cases were sent from Niagara Camp to Toronto.

SEVEN CHILDREN ILL.

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Spanish influenza, which is ordinarily prevalent in young adults, makes its appearance almost annually in Germany during June and July. Spain experiences an epidemic of the disease practically each year during the months of July and August, at which times about thirty per cent. of the population is affected," Dr. Knoff said.

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