

LONDON HAS STRICT RULES

**No One With Cough or Cold
to Leave His Dwelling or
Sneeze Openly**

HOSPITAL STAFFS ILL

**Precautions of Closing All
Public Meeting Places in
Several Towns**

(Special and C. P. Despatches.)

London, Ont., Oct. 16.—Spanish influenza, which has caused forty known deaths in London, is epidemic within London's limits to the extent of between ten and eleven thousand cases, according to the Bureau of Statistics of the Institute of Public Health. The situation has not improved. According to Medical Officer of Health Downham the death list is made up principally of persons between the ages of twenty and thirty.

To-day the Board of Health promulgated a number of new regulations, one of which fixes a penalty for being absent from the precincts of one's dwelling while suffering from coughs or colds, while another subjects to a heavy fine anyone who coughs or sneezes in public without covering the face with a handkerchief.

Household Wiped Out.

The death to-day of John Lewis of 93 Elm street completed the wiping out of the household. His wife died yesterday in Victoria Hospital. Another of the victims is Pte. Elmer Deaton of Palmerston, who was in training with the Western Ontario Regiment.

Louie Way, formerly proprietor of a Chinese restaurant, and latterly cook at the residence of J. C. Duffield, President of the City Gas Company, died at Victoria Hospital a few hours after he had walked into the institution complaining of feeling ill. Ethel May Abel, an infant, whose parents reside at 507 Bathurst street, and Harold Gatecliffe, aged twenty-one, of 432 Dorinda street, were among to-day's victims.

Hospital Staffs Sorely Stricken.

Major George Hale, M.D., Officer Commanding the Wolseley Barracks Hospital, and a number of doctors and Nursing Sisters of his staff are ill, while in Victoria Hospital two of the interns and twenty-seven nurses have contracted the malady. The hospital established by the St. John Ambulance Association, the first institution of the kind set up in the Dominion, had more than fifty patients to-day, and more than two hundred others were being cared for by V.A.D.'s at their own homes.

Sir Thomas Cancels Meetings.

Vancouver, Oct. 16.—On account of the prevailing epidemic of influenza and the opinion of health authorities as to the advisability of public meetings, Sir Thomas White has decided to cancel all further speaking engagements on his present tour of the West, and will return East almost immediately. The Minister of Finance made this statement to the Canadian Press this evening.

Schools Closed Till 28th.

The Clinton Collegiate Institute and Public School Boards decided that, although no epidemic of the disease prevails in Clinton such as to require the closing of its places of public resort, yet as the attendance in the schools has fallen to about one-half the average on account of the prevalence of colds, and also the anxiety of parents to keep their children away from infection, good work could not be done in the schools under such conditions, and a resolution was passed ordering the schools closed till October 28th.

Gauze Masks for Employees.

Industrial concerns in St. Thomas are hard hit by the Spanish influenza epidemic, at least fifty Wabash engineers and firemen being on the sick list yesterday; the Canada Iron Foundry having more than thirty men off sick, and the Monarch Knitting Company also as many. The latter firm is issuing gauze masks to all its employees.

Chatham public and separate schools are closed, the Boys' Conference scheduled for the latter part of this week has been postponed, and several other meetings have been canceled. Among yesterday's deaths were those of Mrs. David Smith, thirty-nine years of age, leaving her husband, three sons, a daughter, four brothers and two sisters; and John McLaren of Dover township, after only a couple of days' illness of influenza and pneumonia, survived by his wife and four sons, she and two

of the children being very sick at present.

Acting in Time.

The Petrolia Board of Health closed the schools, pool rooms and picture shows, and canceled concert engagements, as a precaution, although no severe cases of influenza have so far developed in the town. In Woodstock all pool rooms, churches, clubs, the public library, and every gathering that might be called a public meeting, are closed by the Board of Health's ruling.

The first victim of the "flu" in Port Hope is Mrs. R. S. Smith, jun., who died after a few days' illness, survived by her husband.

Newbold D. Carter, a Deseronto shoe merchant, died of pneumonia after four days' illness, leaving his wife and four young children.

No public meetings are to be held at present in Gananoque, Mayor Wilson, on the advice of Dr. Sinclair, M. O. H., having ordered all public places including billiard rooms, to be closed. There are about four hundred Spanish "flu" cases in town. A party of emergency nurses under supervisors are assisting the doctors, and a number of doctors were expected last night from Queen's.

Whitby Board of Health has closed all the schools, churches, public library, movies, pool and billiard rooms, and forbidden public funerals in homes. There are no "flu" cases yet at the Ontario Ladies' College, where more than ninety young women are in residence.