ROYER REFUSES ANY EASING OF INFLUENZA BAN

Tells Philadelphia Officials the Epidemic Has Not Abated Sufficiently Yet.

APPEALS FOR NURSES

The Associated Press to Gazette Times HARRISBURG, Oct. 24—Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting state commissioner of health, tonight telegraphed to Philadelphia city health authorities, in response to their request for permission to tax some restrictions imposed because of influenza, that the epidemic in that city had not abated sufficiently to permit the raising of any of the orders now in force.

The request was made for approval of the raising of the ban against church services of Sunday and that all other restrictions be raised Monday.

Dr. Royer replied that school sessions might be resumed on Wednesday, but that restrictions in all other particulars will have to be continued until a further period. The Dr. Royer suggested a census of school districts to ascertain cases before opening and remarked that while the daily average number of deaths from influenza, grip and pneumonia in October five in the whole state and to be less than 25. Philadelphia alone reported 331 yesterday.

The department stated that while the epidemic is increasing in rural districts and 6,182 new cases were reported from 62 counties today, against 5,379 from 62 yesterday. Allegheny county reported 1,635 cases to date, with conditions reported "bad" in Berks, Blair, Cambria, Lebanon, Lehigh and Luzerne counties. Washington and Warren also reporting increases. Deaths from influenza since October 1 are given as 15,504, and from pneumonia 5,972, a total of 21,476.

There is no indication as to when the restrictions may be lessened in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania.