INFLUENZA IS ON INCREASE, REPORTS SHOW
Epidemic Now Making an Assault Upon Suburban Districts and Boroughs.

1,235 CASES IN THE CITY.

For an 18-hour period ending at noon today, 556 new cases of influenza and 36 cases of pneumonia were reported to the Bureau of Health of this city, it was announced today by Dr. L. G. McKeen, health commissioner.

This is the largest number reported for the same period in the history of this department.

The total number of cases reported at this time is 1,235, an average of about 500 a day, and the total number of deaths is 36. The total is estimated at 200.

The greatest number of cases is in the school districts, with the total number in the city district being slightly below the city figure.

Approximately 500 children are out of school, and the school authorities have been asked to keep a close watch on them.

Health authorities have been notified that the matter of closing the schools will be discussed later.

COMING FROM EAST.

Dr. W. H. Keyes, Bethlehem, stated today that the rate of death from influenza in his city was 3:100 of the population.

The estimated number of cases in the city is 1,900, with a death rate of 1:100.

He said that the disease is not spreading so rapidly as it did last year, and that the city was not in any danger of a serious epidemic.

Epidemic on Increase
In National Capital

By radio telegraph dispatch.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. - The epidemic of influenza in Washington is growing rapidly, and the number of cases is increasing at a rapid rate.

The health authorities have been notified, and the number of cases is being closely watched.

The death rate is not as high as it was last year, but the number of cases is increasing at a rapid rate.

Meanwhile, efforts are being made to check the spread of the disease.