NEW STEPS TAKEN TO COMBAT "FLU"

Survey of Housing Conditions in Fifteenth Ward Ordered by Health Officials.

To study the housing conditions in homes where there are cases of Spanish influenza, Dr. R. G. Burns, chief of the infectious disease division of the department of public health, this afternoon began a survey of the Hazelwood and Greenfield districts. The tour was decided upon at a conference between Dr. Burns and the health department. The survey was requested by the health department because of the increased number of influenza cases reported in the Fifteenth ward.

During the 24 hours ended at 10 o'clock this morning, 29 new cases were reported, 26 being in the Fifteenth ward. Yesterday during a corresponding period 73 cases were filed and on Wednesday there were 73 cases. These figures increase the total number of cases since the outbreak on October 24.69.

The large number of new cases is in marked contrast to the comparatively few cases reported to the department during the week that ended last Saturday night, when the seven days total was only 134, or 46,896 less.

A tabulation of the cases reported during the past three days shows that the influenza has centered in the Fifteenth ward and adjacent territory. A study of the doctors' reports also reveals that the cases are grouped, and that many families have two or more members affected. The physicians' reports also make it known that there are a larger number of children ill than at any time since the outbreak began in Pittsburgh last October.

Dr. Burns will make a study of homes, especially regarding sanitation and the number of persons occupying the same rooms. Doctors attending influenza cases will be interrogated, with a view of ascertaining the sources of the cases in different houses. Cleanliness of yards and streets in the vicinity of the homes where there are persons ill will be inspected.

With more than 100 pupils and three teachers ill with influenza, the Lincoln Park public school building, Milford township, was closed this morning. The building has an attendance approximate, and the building will be re-opened, with a view of reopening the schools next Monday morning.