

DECREASE IN NUMBER OF INFLUENZA CASES

Emergency Relief Hospital at Ethan Allen Club Ready for Patients This Afternoon—15,- 000 Cases in State of Vermont Since Epidemic Started

Between 20 and 35 cases of Spanish influenza were reported to the local board of health, from this city yesterday, which showed a decrease over the number reported on Sunday. There is nothing new to add about the situation, in the opinion of the board of health, but the public should not relax its precautionary efforts in the slightest degree.

Dr. H. R. Watkins, superintendent of the emergency relief hospital, reported last night that the quarters at the Ethan Allen club house would be ready to receive patients this afternoon. A generous response was made by the local branch of the Red Cross, the Champlain Transportation company, local hotels, business men and civilians for the cause, and the supplies are practically all secured. Miss Crosby, who is well known to the District Nurses' association, and Miss Winifred Macomber, a graduate of the Boston City Hospital, have been engaged as nurses. They will be assisted by volunteers, many of whom have already given their names to Miss Crosby or Dr. Watkins.

Conditions at the war schools of the University of Vermont were very much improved yesterday. There are now 45 cases under treatment, with 21 returned to duty. There are no new cases of influenza, no new cases of pneumonia, and no deaths. Two or three are still seriously ill, but all the others are doing well. For the past two weeks in both schools indoor classes have been suspended to lessen the chance of contagion and conditions had improved so much yesterday that class work was resumed.

Throughout the State the situation remains about the same as on Sunday. Dr. Charles F. Dalton, secretary of the State Board of Health, has compiled figures which show that in one week 6,555 new cases of influenza have been reported for the entire State. This includes the period from Monday, October 7, to yesterday morning. The number of cases in the State since the epidemic started totals about 15,000.