

Drop in Deaths in New York Forecast

Health Expert Predicts Falling Off Next Week

NEW YORK, October 24 -Making deduction from Spanish influenza mortality statistics in other cities, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, New York Health Commissioner, predicted tonight that New York's death rate which had climbed steadily from 10 per 1000 to 50 per 1000, will begin to drop next week. Although he insisted the epidemic appeared to be on the decline, Dr. Copeland urged the public to seek vaccination, as another epidemic of influenza is predicted for next spring by many authorities.

An appeal was made to the Mayor today by Queensborough for city workers to be sent as grave diggers to inter the bodies of 2000 persons, mostly victims of the epidemic, which remain unburied in cemeteries. The borough president stated that 80 per cent of the cemeteries in the greater city were in Queens, and that in some cases relatives and neighbors of those who had died had dug the