

## THE INFLUENZA SITUATION

Barton Has Had 450 Cases, State 10,000 Cases.

Health Officer Prime told a reporter Wednesday morning that he had reported to the state board of health 450 cases of grip from the town of Barton and that many new cases were appearing daily. Several persons continue to be dangerously sick in Barton and Orleans appears to be entering upon a severe epidemic. Through the south part of the town nearly every house has grip patients.

Deaths from the disease or its complications in this town or the town's soldier boys, number eight to date.

While it is thought the situation is no worse than a week ago there can be said to be little improvement and every precaution against it should be taken.

Conditions throughout the county are bad, some localities being worse than others, and in the state Barre and Montpelier are worst hit. In Barre 71 deaths are reported in seven days and there continues to be many deaths daily. A special train was run from Burlington to Waterbury, Montpelier and Barre Sunday, carrying nurses and doctors.

St. Albans has had many deaths, six being reported in less than 24 hours. Rutland has 250 cases. There have been reported about 10,000 cases in Vermont.