

**POSITION AT BALLINA.**

At a special meeting of the Ballina Administrative Committee the Mayor reported that since last meeting the epidemic had manifested itself in Ballina, so much so that in the space of four days over 70 cases were reported, including the Matron, and five nurses at the Hospital, and the two doctors. The Executive Committee had been active in an endeavor to cope with the Hospital Committee, and the Red Cross had done much to meet the emergency. The Hospital had been placed at the disposal of patients and an ambulance staff had been arranged; also owing to the strain upon the nurses voluntary aids had come forward to help in any capacity, and he could not say too much in praise of them. They undertook to do all the heavy work of the Hospital in cooking and cleaning, as well as nursing, and a number of them were now on duty in the isolation wards. In like manner an offer had come from the Catholic Women's Guild to assist in any way the committee desired, and it was because of these offers from the women of Ballina that they could view the situation with satisfaction. So far the outbreak was merely ordinary influenza, but even in that form it was serious enough.