

### **Influenza Epidemic.**

There were twenty-eight cases of influenza, of a mild character at Grafton last week end. Three of them were nurses. Three nurses have arrived from Sydney. As a result of the outbreak on the Clarence, where the majority of the cases can be traced to Ramornie, that place, together with Grafton, South Grafton and Maclean municipalities and the Harwood Shire, have been declared infected areas.

At Alstonville, where a number of cases have occurred, an application has been made to have the town proclaimed an infected area. A nurse is being sent from Sydney.

There were 23 cases remaining in hospital at Lismore yesterday morning including three fresh cases. An application for the removal of the restrictions was refused until a Government Medical Officer was appointed (in place of Dr. Franceschi who resigned) and reported on the situation. Dr. Coen has been appointed and has applied to have the restrictions removed.

A report from Ballina states the hospital is crowded with influenza cases, the accommodation being taxed to its utmost. Many temporary beds have been added and are occupied. During the illness of Dr. Gearin and Yeates who are recovering from severe attacks, Dr. Coen, of Lismore, attended to both medical officers' cases, and remained in Ballina until Monday morning. On Sunday, Dr. Small, of Casino, arrived in Ballina, and is now looking after the patients being the only doctor in the town.