

INFLUENZA PRECAUTIONS.

On Monday Cr. A. E. Biggs, President of the Tintenbar Shire, and Mr. L. R. Street (Shire Clerk) visited Ballina and conferred with the Mayor (Ald. T. Russell) and the Town Clerk (Mr. Woolcott) regarding the restrictions placed on Alstonville regarding the pneumonic influenza in Lismore. The Shire Clerk said he had forwarded the following telegram to the Minister for Health: "Isolation under Lismore under the proclamation allows unrestricted intercourse with Lismore residents with Alstonville, which is the populous centre of Tintenbar Shire, which can be easily avoided. There was an emphatic objection to these conditions in the general interests in checking the epidemic. Shire suggests prohibiting unrestricted travel from Lismore beyond the boundaries of the Tintenbar Shire, which allows travelling six miles towards Alstonville as a practical precaution against the spread of the disease in this area and Ballina. We will be thankful for an immediate answer."

Cr. Biggs said the present limit allowed people to come from Lismore to Alstonville and Ballina. They wanted Alstonville and Ballina cut off from Lismore.

At the instance of the Mayor of Ballina, who agreed with the Shire's proposals, the following telegram was sent: "Ballina Municipal Council co-operates with Tintenbar Shire in its efforts to have boundary from Lismore altered from 1 mile limit to western boundary of Shire at Wollongbar. This will allow Alstonville and Ballina to work together to combat disease and facilitate material interests.

The delegates from the Tintenbar Shire also interviewed Dr. Gearin (G.M.O.) who concurred with the suggestion and promised that he and (Dr. Yeates) would wire the Health Department on the matter. The question of assisting, should an outbreak occur, was also discussed, and it was learnt several Ballina and Alstonville ladies had offered to help look after dependents of those who may be ill. Dr. Gearin was to have lectured to the Alstonville Red Cross Society members and others at the Shire Hall, Alstonville, yesterday afternoon on the matter.