

AT BALLINA

RELIEVING STRANDED PEOPLE. BALLINA, Saturday.

The influenza epidemic raging in other parts is not causing any alarm locally, though every precaution is being taken. The picture shows attendances are not as large as previously, people generally avoiding crowds. The Red Cross Society has made up a large number of masks, but, so far, no one is using them.

It is understood that the dentists and barbers are considering the advisability of wearing masks as a precautionary measure. The Mayor, accompanied by Drs. Gearin and Yeates and the municipal health inspector, inspected the public school with the object of converting it into an isolation ward in the case of an outbreak. It was thought that the Mayor's request to the Board of Health for authority to have vessels medically examined by a doctor before berthing at the wharf was granted; but later advice stated that the necessary authority is still withheld. Much dissatisfaction is felt locally at the refusal of the Health Board, as risks are being taken every day a fresh ship from Southern ports comes in.

A passenger for Queensland, failing to get through the barrier at Tenterfield, returned to Sydney, and arrived by boat at Ballina, hoping to get through at Tweed Heads, but was turned back.

The steamer Gundiah is to leave Ballina today for Brisbane. It is understood that a limited number of passengers will be taken on-board.