

notices to all houses infected. All hotel, restaurant and boarding house proprietors were warned of the dangers of using the water and also of the danger of contact.

When a case was reported it was at once visited by the Sanitary Inspector with the following instructions: First, that every patient that could not be isolated must be removed to the hospital; secondly, to educate the attendants as to the disinfection of stools and linen, to separate eating utensils, cups, saucers etc., from the rest of the household; and thirdly, to instruct the attendants in the care of their hands.

The total number of cases reported in what may be considered the epidemic period was 585, and the number of deaths was 69—a death rate of 11.79%. This in a period of fifteen weeks is a tremendous record. And the deaths had in their number a large percentage of bread-winners and heads of families, and many but barely escaped death.

At great cost this town has had a lesson which resulted in active construction of an adequate sewage disposal system and the undertaking of a gigantic scheme for supplying pure water, so that we shall never again be at the mercy of such a bad condition of affairs. We, then, have benefitted by the lesson; but how much better it would have been had we evaded the scourge by a timely improvement of the conditions which those in authority should always recognize.

Too much vigilance cannot be exercised in the supervision of water supplies and sewage systems, especially in such new town as Western Canada contains in great numbers.

*Manitoba Medical College.*—On October 1st last, Manitoba Medical College entered upon the 24th year of its history under circumstances which justify the use of the hackneyed phrase, "a new epoch." Unquestionably the conditions existing this year differ widely from those of any former year since the doors of the College were opened in 1883. At that time the teaching staff and those interested in the establishment outnumbered greatly the student body, the first class consisting of six men. The premises occupied were of very limited dimensions and devoid of necessary appliances. But the courage and perseverance of the faculty were undaunted, and for many years they worked with great zeal in behalf of a project which seemed to the majority of the members of the profession in the province to be a hopeless scheme. Soon, however, new quarters were needed for the foundling, which to the profound astonishment of some even of its sponsors, evinced a seeming disposition to thrive amid environments which, to say the least, were not the most promising. Gradually the degree of success attained