## 392 THE WESTERN CANADA MEDICAL JOURNAL.

We have received from Health Department of Edmonton, the By-Laws regarding Licensing inspecting and regulating of Dairies and Vendors of milk. They are very detailed and stringent and apparently all that is needed is the enforcing of the laws. Let us hope that the good work of the Health Authorities is not blocked by unthinking Legislators.

The pamphlet just issued on "the law and Regulations of Canada respecting immigration and immigrants seems to need nothing but the proper carrying out of them by the various officials.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Editor W. C. M. J.

Dear Sir,—I think the history of the following case of Formalin Poisoning might be of interest, as these cases are likely to become more frequent owing to the popularity of Formalin as a germicide for smut in wheat.

The case occurred miles from a physician and as the woman did not receive medical attention, it is her own account.

She swallowed the Formalin before breakfast in mistake for a quinine iron and wine mixture. Putting the bottle to her lips she swallowed some and thought it tasted peculiar, but being in a hurry did not take time to consider and hastily swallowed more—about a tablespoonful.

She immediately felt violently ill, did not vomit, but had a burning sensation in the mouth and the stomach, with numbness of the back and tingling of the extremities and surface of the body.

Her husband and father were milking in the stable, 40 yards away. She rushed to them but could not speak. Seeing a pail of milk, she drank copiously with immediate relief. Her husband then gave her an emetic of mustard and hot water till vomiting commenced. In less than an hour she says she felt better and the disagreeable symptoms disappeared with no after bad effects.

A. G. DENMARK, M.D.,

Langenburg, Sask.