

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

25th October, 1852.

(Translation.)

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the laws relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in Lower Canada," have the honor to report as follows :

Your Committee having submitted the accompanying questions to different members of the Medical Profession, both in Upper and Lower Canada, and having duly considered the answers to the said questions, which they lay before Your Honorable House, are of opinion that the Act passed in the 10th and 11th years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Lower Canada, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein," which entitles to a License to practise Physic, by a certificate of the Medical Board, and exempts from examination before that Board, all persons who are holders of Medical Degrees or Diplomas in any University or College in Her Majesty's dominions, is not sufficiently calculated to prevent the abuses and detect the impositions which may possibly occur.

That this law, in granting such a privilege, tolerates these abuses and impositions which are most prejudicial to the interests and advantage of the public in general.

That with a view to prevent the abuses and impositions which, under the operation of that Act, may possibly occur, it should be amended as proposed by Dr. LaTerrière's Bill, referred to this Committee, and by striking out the proviso contained in the ninth section thereof.

That in order to meet the wishes and views of the great majority of the Physicians who have been consulted on this subject, and whose opinions are given in the annexed letters, your Committee have deemed it necessary to recommend the three following amendments to the Bill referred to them, namely: after the word "therein" in the seventh line of the first section, add the following words: "and the proviso contained in the ninth section of the same Act;" after the word "and" in the same line of the same section, strike out the word "is" and insert the word "are" in lieu thereof; and after the word "cited" in the tenth line of the second section, strike out the words, "Provided also, That any person who shall have served in Her Majesty's Army or Navy, being on half-pay, and producing his Diploma or Commission in the Service as such, to the Provincial Medical Board, may obtain a Licence to practise Physic and Surgery without being bound to undergo an examination."

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 4,

QUEBEC, 20th September, 1852.

Questions submitted to different Members of the Medical Profession by the Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the Bill annexed to the said Questions, "to amend the law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in Lower Canada":