

An Act to incorporate the Medical Profession in Upper Canada, and regulate the study, licensing, and practice of the same therein.

**W**HEREAS the laws now in force in Upper Canada for regulating the practice of the Medical profession require amendment; and whereas it is desirable that a uniform standard of professional attainments should be required of all persons desirous of practising in Upper Canada; and whereas the Medical Board for Upper Canada have, among other things, by their petition represented, that the system now in force of allowing different Colleges to grant *ad practicandum* degrees without any necessary uniformity in the curriculum of studies, and, in the standard of qualifications, has been found to act injuriously; and whereas the said Medical Board have prayed for the establishment of an examining and licensing body before which all candidates desirous of practising in Upper Canada shall present themselves for examination and license;—and whereas the Medical profession in Upper Canada have repeatedly expressed their desire for such amendment of the law; and whereas the powers and advantages sought by the petition aforesaid can be best secured by an Act incorporating the Medical profession in Upper Canada; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. From and after the passing of this Act, so much of the Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, eighth George the Fourth, chapter three, and of any other, or all other Act or Acts as may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall be, and is hereby repealed.

II. All duly licensed practitioners of the Medical profession in Upper Canada and their successors, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "*College of Physicians and Surgeons of Upper Canada*," and shall by that name have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to alter, change, or renew such seal at pleasure; and the said Corporation may by the said name sue and be sued in all Courts of law or other places whatsoever, in as large, ample, and beneficial a manner as any other body politic or corporate in this Province, and in all actions and suits at law which may at any time be brought against the said Corporation, service of process at the domicile of the President or Secretary of the said Corporation shall be held to be a sufficient service for all legal purposes; And the said Corporation shall by the same name and at all times hereafter have power to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy such lands and tenements as may be necessary for actual use and occupation of the said College, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and others in their stead to purchase and acquire and hold for the uses and purposes aforesaid.