

“In consequence of a strong remonstrance on the part of the druggists and apothecaries of this city, and the assurance given by them, that they would forward a measure for their own incorporation as a Pharmaceutical Society, at the ensuing session of the Legislature, all the clauses of the Bill relating to them have been expunged. We have not the slightest objection to this proceeding on their part; for we have long thought that, considering their number, their respectability and the specific objects of their pursuits, they should be specially endowed with powers peculiar to themselves.”

According to the Act of 1847, Cap. 71, Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, Section 4. “The said board of governors shall be the Provincial Medical Board, in which capacity they shall meet for the examination of candidates, &c.” Thus the functions of the Provincial Medical Board were continued, and vested in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and they were the legally constituted body to carry out the remaining portions of the Act and Ordinance passed in the 28th year of his late Majesty, King George III, which had reference to the licensing of druggists and apothecaries.

The druggists and apothecaries missed their opportunity, and neglected to obtain an Act of incorporation; doubts arose as to the validity of the license of the College of Physicians and Surgeons so that very few of those engaging in business sought and obtained the license. This was regarded as a great oversight, and, inasmuch as the druggists continued to ignore the College, and, furthermore, failed to submit a Bill for the management of their own affairs, the College sought and obtained an amendment to their Charter. This Act, which was assented to on 30th June, 1864, may be found at chapter 51, of the Statutes of 1864. By the provisions of this Act, “section sixteen of Cap. 71, Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, is hereby repeated, and the following shall be substituted therefore, and read in lieu thereof:

“No person whatever shall carry on the business of apothecary, chemist and druggist in Lower Canada, who shall not have obtained a license from the Provincial Medical Board, which license the said Board are hereby authorized to grant to any person applying for the same, who shall have passed such examination in pharmacy as the Board may deem satisfactory.

“And whereas, persons desirous of obtaining licenses to sell and distribute medicine by retail in Lower Canada have from time to time presented themselves before the Provincial Medical Board, and on passing satisfactory examinations have obtained such licenses, and doubts have arisen as to the validity of such licenses, it is enacted that all licenses to