

An Act to regulate the Education of Apothecaries, Chemists and Druggists, and the sale of Poisons.

WHEREAS there are no laws now in force in Lower Canada, to regulate the professional education of Chemists, Druggists and Apothecaries, and the sale of poisons, and whereas it is expedient on many grounds, especially for the safety of the public health, that such a Law should exist; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. The Ordinance of the Legislative Council of the late Province of Quebec, passed in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, and intituled, "*An Act or Ordinance to prevent persons practising Physic and Surgery within the Province of Quebec or Midwifery in the Towns of Quebec and Montreal without license,*" shall be and is hereby wholly repealed.

Ordinance 289
3 c. s. wholly
repealed.

II. From and after the passing of this Act, no person shall practise as an Apothecary, Chemist, Druggist, or vendor or retailer of Medicines, in Lower Canada, unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and shall have served a regular and continued apprenticeship with some regularly licensed Apothecary, Chemist and Druggist in Lower Canada, for at least three years, and have obtained a Diploma from the College of Physicians and Surgeons after examination before the Board of Governors, and after being by them found in every respect a fit and proper person to receive the said Diploma.

No person to
act as an
Apothecary,
&c., without a
Diploma, &c.,
granted after
examination.

III. From and after the passing of this Act, no person shall practise as an Apothecary, Chemist, Druggist, or vendor, or retailer of Medicines in Lower Canada, without, previous to his examination before the Board of Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, affording evidence of a sound classical education with a competent knowledge of the French and English languages; producing a certificate of good moral character; of having regularly attended a course of Botany, of at least three months' duration; two courses of *Materia Medica*, and two courses of Chemistry, which courses shall be of six months' duration, at some recognised Medical College, or Public Medical School within Her Majesty's dominions: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend in any way to prevent any person, who is in possession of a Diploma, Certificate or License of Apothecary, Chemist or Druggist, obtained in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, from presenting himself for license, as such, before the said Board of Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, the said party or person being required only to present such Diploma, Certificate or License, accompanied with a Certificate of good moral character.

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