

BILL TO AMEND THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ACT.

—Whereas, it is expedient that the "Act Respecting the Profession of Surgery and Medicine" chaptered one hundred and forty-two, in the Revised Statutes of Ontario, and commonly known as the "Ontario Medical Act," be amended, and the meaning thereof be made more clear and explicit, therefore :

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows :

1. The following words shall be added to Sub-Section two of the first part of Section six of the Ontario Medical Act, after the word "*belongs*," at the end of the said Sub-Section:

"And no School of Medicine shall have more than one of its professors or teachers as a member of the Council; such member being the Representative elected by such School."

2. Section nineteen of the said Act is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: Provided that the examination which he shall have passed in so Graduating or Matriculating in Arts, shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Council to be equivalent in all respects to the Matriculation Examination of the Council; but nothing herein shall be held to exempt such Graduate or Matriculant from the payment of the ordinary matriculation fee as fixed by the Council.

3. Section twenty-three, Sub-section three, of the said Act, is hereby amended by substituting for the words: "*the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four*," in the fifth and sixth lines of the said Sub-Section, the words: "*his application for registration*"

4. Section twenty-nine of the said Act is hereby amended by substituting for the words: "*teaching bodies*," in the third line of the said Section, the words: "*Schools of Medicine in actual operation*."

5. Section thirty-five of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto, and as part of the sentence ending with the word "*patients*" in the last line of the said Section, the following words: "and for any professional services rendered by his order, and under his direction to such patients, by any Assistant, provided that in all cases such Assistant shall be a

"Student of Medicine duly Matriculated according to the regulations of the Council."

6. The following shall be added as a Sub-Section to Section thirty-five of the said Act:

Every duly qualified medical Practitioner, who, in accordance with the requirements of Section fifteen of the "Act Respecting the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths," chaptered thirty-six in the Revised Statutes of Ontario, shall duly record the death of any person upon whom he has been last in attendance during their last illness, shall receive from the Division Registrar the sum of One Dollar for recording the death and the cause thereof; but he shall not be exempted from the payment of the fine imposed by the Act aforesaid in the event of any neglect duly to record such death.

7. The following shall be added as an additional Sub-Section to section thirty-five of the said Ontario Medical Act:

No duly registered Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario shall be liable to any action of damages for "mal-practice," unless such action be commenced within one year from the date when the alleged mal-practice took place.

8. The following shall be added as an additional Sub-Section to Section thirty-five of the said Ontario Medical Act:

Every Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, if summoned to give professional evidence at any inquest, criminal trial, or investigation of a criminal nature, shall, upon the Coroner, Judge, Police Magistrate, Justice of the Peace, or other judicial officer presiding at such inquest, trial, or investigation, certifying that the evidence of such Member was important, or likely to have been important, at such inquest, trial, or investigation, be entitled to demand and to receive from the Treasurer of the County or City where such inquest, trial, or investigation was held, out of the funds in his hands in the County or City Treasury, the sum of five dollars for giving such professional evidence, together with five dollars for each day's, or part of a day's necessary attendance or detention during the time such inquest, trial, or investigation was held; including among such days, the time necessary for travelling from and to his usual place of residence, to and from the place where such inquest, trial or investigation was held; and twenty-five cents for each mile of distance so travelled.