

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

WHEREAS there are no laws now in force in that part of the Province of Canada, called Lower Canada which 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; From and after the passing of this Act, the Act or 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 entitled: *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and Surgery within the Province of Quebec or Midwifery in the Towns of Quebec and Montreal without licence*, shall be repealed.

Preamble.

Ordinance, 28 G. 3, c. 8.

I. From and after the passing of this Act, no person shall practice as an Apothecary, Chemist, Druggist, or vendor or retailer of Medicines, in that part of the province, called 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 the said Province, 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 have been found in every respect a fit and proper person to receive the said Diploma.

Apprenticeship, &c., required of persons acting as Chemists and Druggists, &c.

Diploma required.

II. No person shall practice as an Apothecary, Chemist, Druggist, or vendor, or retailer of Medicines in the Province aforesaid, 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*, two courses of Chemistry, which courses shall be of six months' duration, at some recognised Medical College, or Public Medical School within her Majesty 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 licence, as such, before the said Board of Governors of the Colledge 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.

Further qualifications required of persons obtaining a Diploma.

Proviso: in favor of persons having already obtained a Diploma in some part of H. M. dominions.