



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ANNO TRICESIMO SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 17.

An Ordinance respecting the practise of Surgery, and for the encouragement of the Study of Anatomy.

[11th March, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to encourage the Study of Surgery and Anatomy in this Colony; Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. That the body of any person found dead, publicly exposed, or who immediately before death had been supported in and by any Public Hospital receiving pecuniary aid from the Government of this Colony, shall, unless the person so dying otherwise directs, be delivered to persons qualified as hereinafter mentioned, for the purposes of dissection. But if such body be claimed within the usual period for interment by *bona fide* friends or relatives, the body shall be delivered to them; or if the person otherwise directed as aforesaid before death, the body shall be decently interred, as heretofore. What bodies may become subjects for dissection.

II. The persons qualified to receive such unclaimed bodies, shall be such Medical Practitioners as are duly qualified to practise, and are at the time of the passing of this Ordinance, or hereafter, shall be actually practising under the provisions of "The Medical Ordinance, 1867," who may require such bodies for dissection, either for their own improvement or the instruction of any Student or Students under them, or to the teachers of Surgery and Anatomy in any public or private School, College, Society, or Faculty of Medicine or Surgery that may hereafter be established in this Colony. Declares who are entitled to receive the same.

III. That the Person in charge of any and every such Public Hospital as aforesaid, and the Coroner of each District shall forward to the Medical Registrar of the Colony the name, age, sex, birthplace (if it can be ascertained), and date of death of all unclaimed bodies given up by them respectively for dissection under this Ordinance, within one week from the time of giving up such bodies as aforesaid. Description of unclaimed bodies given up for dissection to be sent to Medical Registrar.

IV. It shall be the duty of the said Medical Registrar to enter in a Book to be kept for that purpose by him, the name and residence of all Medical Practitioners qualified to receive and desirous of receiving bodies for dissection; and also to enter from the Returns forwarded to him by the Person or Persons in charge of the Public Hospitals and of the Coroners, in a Register to be kept for that purpose, the name, age, sex, birthplace, and date of death of all Persons mentioned in such Returns, with the name and place of residence of the Practitioner to whom the body was delivered as aforesaid. Medical men entitled to receive bodies, to be registered by the Medical Registrar.

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