

An Act to regulate the time during which Apothecaries and Druggists Shops shall be kept open in the different Cities of Lower Canada.

**W**HEREAS, it is necessary to make provisions to secure access at all reasonable hours to the shops of Apothecaries and Druggists in the different cities of Lower Canada. Therefore, &c. Preamble.

I. It shall be the duty of the Mayor, and in his absence or incapacity from illness or other cause, of the next senior member of the Council of each Municipality or Municipal Corporation in each of the cities of Lower Canada, within three months after the passing of this Act, to notify, in the terms of the Schedule A. to this Act annexed, every person following the profession or business of Apothecary or Druggist, in each of the said cities, to assemble at such place therein, and at such reasonable time after the service of such notification, as the said Mayor or other Civic Officer shall therein direct, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions hereinafter mentioned. Druggists and apothecaries in the cities of L. C. to be notified in the terms of schedule. a

II. Each and every such Apothecary or Druggist's shop shall be opened to the Public on every day in the week, except as hereinafter excepted, from the hour of six in the morning, on and from the first day of April until the first day of November in each year, and on and from the last mentioned days at the hour of seven in the morning until the first day of April next ensuing, and shall be kept open throughout the year until the hour of nine in the evening, for the vending and dispensing of medicines. Their hours of business fixed.

III. Two of the said Apothecary's or Druggist's shops, to be selected in the manner hereinafter provided, shall be kept open from and after the said hour of seven in the morning until midnight, and on every Sunday from the hour of six or seven in the morning (according to the season of the year,) also until midnight for the purpose aforesaid. Two Druggist's shops to be open on Sunday.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Apothecaries and Druggists assembled pursuant to the said notification, to determine and settle among themselves at such meeting the two Apothecary or Druggist's shops which shall first be kept open during the Sundays as aforesaid, and then and there to settle and record in writing the order in which they shall successively carry out the last two foregoing provisions; and public notice shall forthwith be given thereof, in one English newspaper published in each of the said cities and also in one French paper in each city in Lower Canada, to be defrayed out of a joint fund to be provided by the said Apothecaries and Druggists themselves. Druggists &c. to determine as to the shops to be kept open on Sundays. a

V. All the Apothecaries and Druggists in each of the said cities shall in every year thereafter assemble for the purposes of this Act at the same hour and on the same day, unless it be a Sunday or Holiday and then on the next succeeding day which shall not be a Sunday or Druggists to meet annually for that purpose.