

1. Will you please to suggest to the Committee the most effective means of ascertaining the qualifications of those who present themselves before the Medical Board of this Province to be licensed to practise Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in this Province?

2. From your experience as a Member of this Board or of the Collège of Physicians in this Province, are you of opinion that the law which entitles to a license from the Medical Board to practise Physic, and which exempts from examination all those who hold certificates, degrees or diplomas, obtained from any University or College in Her Majesty's dominions, is a sufficient security against abuses, and an efficient check on the impositions which the law may occasion by such a dispensation? and what means do you consider that the Board might adopt to put an end to such abuses and impositions?

3. Is it a fact within your knowledge, that a number of candidates have obtained certificates in order to being licensed as Medical practitioners in this Province, on presenting credentials, without possessing the necessary qualifications to practise the Art? and state what you know on the subject.

4. How many Colleges and Incorporated Schools do you number in this Province, in which the various branches of the Medical Art are taught with success?

5. Should you think fit to confer on the Professors of these different Medical Schools the privilege of granting credentials to their pupils, the effect of which would be an exemption from examination before the Provincial Board?

6. Speaking of reciprocity in Physic; do you believe that an M. D. of McGill College, or a licentiate of any Medical School in Canada, going to England, would be entitled to practise his profession there without previously undergoing an examination, and giving proof of his qualifications?

7. Do you consider that the Bill hereunto annexed, brought in by Dr. LaTerrière, would be a sufficient remedy against the abuses and impositions in question? and if not, what would you suggest as a means of rendering this Bill more efficacious, and what effect would you expect therefrom?

8. Do you consider that a law placing the Medical Profession on an equal footing in Upper and Lower Canada, would meet with the approbation of Practitioners in general, and obviate the difficulties arising from a law affecting only one part of the Province?

SIR,

You are requested to answer the above questions at your earliest leisure, as the Committee are desirous to report without delay.

By order,

J. P. LEPROHON,
Clerk of Committee.

BILL.

An Act to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is inexpedient that any person should obtain a licence to practise Physic, Surgery or Midwifery in Lower Canada, without undergoing an examination before the Provincial Medical Board: Be it therefore enacted, &c., That the seventh section of the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Lower Canada, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein,*" shall be, and is hereby repealed.