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An Act to regulate the sale of Poisons.

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An Act to regulate the sale and delivery of poisons and certain other drugs.

WHEREAS it is necessary to make stringent regulations concerning the sale of poisons and certain other drugs within the Province; Therefore Her Majesty, etc., enacts as follows: Preamble.

- I. No apothecary, chemist, druggist, vender of medicines or other person in this Province shall sell, give, or deliver any arsenic, corrosive sublimate, strychnine, prussic acid or other thing, mineral or vegetable, fluid or solid, commonly known as poison, or which being incautiously or secretly administered may cause death, or chloroform or any substance known to produce insensibility or stupefaction, to any person who shall not then produce and deliver a certificate from some Justice of the Peace or Physician resident in the locality, in the form mentioned in Schedule A, or in some form equivalent thereto, addressed to such apothecary, chemist, druggist, vender of medicines or other person, mentioning the name, residence, calling or profession of the person requiring such poison or chloroform or other drug, and stating the purpose for which it is required, and that it ought to be sold to the person requiring it; and such certificate shall be kept by the person selling, giving or delivering such poison or drug as his justification for so doing, and he shall cause the person bringing the same to write his name thereon, and the seller or giver shall also enter in his day book or journal the name and quality of the person receiving such poison or drug, the amount sold or given, the purpose and the name of the person granting such certificate, and in the case of solids the poison shall be contained in a green colored wrapper, with the word poison written or printed thereon, and in the case of fluids each bottle or vial shall have a green label with the same word written or printed thereon, and the same shall be followed in cases of chloroform or other stupefying drug, save that instead of poison, the name of the drug shall be written thereon; Provided always that every person so selling or giving any such poison or other drug as aforesaid shall give a yearly return to the Clerk of the Peace for the District or County within which he resides, of the names of the persons purchasing or receiving said poisons or drugs, and of the persons on whose certificates the same were given or sold, and the said return shall be made during the month of January of each year, and any person who shall contravene the provisions of this Act by selling without such certificate and such signature of bearer thereof, or by giving a false certificate, or by not keeping the same and making the entries and return as required, or by selling or giving or delivering any poison or drug without following the precautions herein mentioned, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, and shall if such penalty be not forthwith paid, upon conviction be committed to gaol, for a period not exceeding three months, or until such penalty and costs shall be paid, and said penalties shall be recovered summarily before a Justice of the Peace.
- No apothecary, chemist, &c., to sell poisons without certificate from Justice of Peace or Physician.
- Certificate to be kept by vender.
- Purchaser to enter name, &c., in day book or journal of vender.
- Proviso.
- Penalty.

12 Vic., cap.
60, repealed.

II. From the passing of this Act, the second section of the 12 Vic., cap.
60, is repealed.

SCHEDULE A.

Schedule. To A B. of _____, Apothecary :
Sir,—I certify you may sell to C D of _____, Brewer, one ounce 5
of cocculus indicus to poison fish.

J. P.

Quebec, March, 1857.