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**An Act respecting Homœopathy.**

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## An Act respecting Homœopathy.

**W**HEREAS the system of Medicine called Homœopathy is much approved and extensively practised in many countries of Europe, in the United States and also in Canada; And whereas it is expedient to extend to duly qualified practitioners of this system privileges similar to those enjoyed by licentiates of medicine under the laws now in force in this Province; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. Until other persons are appointed, as hereinafter provided, Duncan Campbell, of the City of Toronto, M.D.; Joseph J. Lancaster, of the Town of Galt, M.D.; Alexander Thompson Bull, of the City of London, M.D.; William A. Greenleaf, of the City of Hamilton, M.D., and John Hall, of the City of Toronto, M.D., shall be a Board (of whom three shall be a quorum) to examine all persons who may desire to obtain a license to practise medicine, according to the principles of Homœopathy, within this Province. First Board of examiners appointed.

II. The Board may appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall attend all the meetings, and keep a record of all the proceedings of the Board, in a book to be provided for the purpose. Secretary and Treasurer.

III. The Board shall hold two meetings in the City of Toronto in each year, viz., on the first Tuesday in January and July respectively, which may be continued by adjournment from day to day until the business before the Board be finished, but no session shall exceed one week. Meetings of the Board.

IV. The Secretary may at any time, on the requisition of two members of the Board, call an extraordinary meeting of the Board for the purpose of examining candidates, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it. Extraordinary meetings.

V. Every person who desires to be examined by the said Board, touching his qualifications to practise Physic, Surgery and Midwifery, or either of them, according to the doctrines and teachings of Homœopathy, shall give at least two weeks notice in writing to the Secretary of the Board. Notice by persons wishing to be examined.

VI. If the Board be satisfied by such examination that the person is duly qualified to practise either or all the said branches of Medicine, as they are understood and practised by Homœopaths, they shall certify the same under the hands and seals of two or more of such Board. Certificate to be granted.

VII. The Governor, on the receipt of such certificate, may, if satisfied of the loyalty, integrity and good morals of the applicant, grant to him License on such certificate.

a license to practise Physic, Surgery and Midwifery, or either of them, conformably to the certificate.

Licenses to members of the Board.

VIII. The Governor may, without any special certificate, grant the Provincial License to practise to such of the above named members of the Board as have not yet obtained it.

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Board may make By-laws.

IX. The Board shall have power to make By-laws for the regulation of its own affairs, which shall not take effect until they have been published in the "Canada Gazette," or some official newspaper.

Order of retirement of members.

X. At the meeting in July, 1860, the Board shall determine by lot which three of its members shall retire, and shall immediately publish 10 their names in one of the Toronto newspapers, and such retiring members shall then only hold office until their successors are appointed; the other members of the Board shall vacate their seats (if successors are appointed) from and after the meeting in January, 1862.

Elections to supply vacancies.

VI. The licensed practitioners of Homœopathy in this Province, at the 15 January meeting in 1861, and at the January meeting in each year thereafter, may elect by a majority of voters either two or three fit and proper persons to be members of the said Board in the place of retiring members (who shall be eligible for re-election,) and the members so elected shall hold office for two years only, or until successors are elected 20 as aforesaid.

Public Act.

XII. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.