Council Chamber, May 18th, 1865.

AMENDMENTS TO "A BILL RESPECTING THE MEDICAL BOARD AND PRACTITIONERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY."

That in the Title of the Act the words "The Medical Board" "and", be struck out.

That the general enacting part of the Act be according to the usual form.

"Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its dependencies by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof as follows":

That in lieu of the first eighteen clauses the following clauses be inserted.

I. It shall be lawful for the Governor for the time being of the said Colony from time to time to appoint a Registrar of Medical Practitioners within the said Colony.

II. It shall be lawful for the said Governor as occasion shall require to direct the mode and manner in which the Medical Register hereinafter mentioned shall be kept by the said Registrar in such particulars as are not provided for by this Act.

III. It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to keep the said Register correctly and to erase the names of all registered persons who shall have died and shall from time to time make the necessary alterations in the addresses or qualifications of the persons registered under this Act; and to enable the said Registrar duly to fulfil the duties imposed upon him it shall be lawful for the said Registrar to write a letter to any registered person addressed to him according to his address on the Register, to enquire whether he has ceased to practice, or has changed his residence, and if no answer shall be returned to such letter within the period of three months from the recording of the letter, it shall be lawful to erase the name of such person from the Register; provided also that the same may be restored by direction of the said Governor should he think fit to make an order to that effect or by fresh registration.

IV. Upon the application of any person being a Doctor, Fellow, Licentiate Bachelor, Master or Member of any School, College, Society or Faculty of Surgery or Medicine, or being possessed of any qualification to practice Medicine or Surgery from any School, College, Society or Faculty of Medicine or Surgery, either in the United Kingdom, or in any British Possession or Foreign Country; such person shall on payment of a fee of ten dollars be entitled to be registered by the Medical Registrar on producing to such Registrar the document conferring or evidencing the qualification or each of the qualifications in respect whereof he may desire to be registered and producing an affidavit made before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the effect that he is the person named in such document of qualification; and such register may be amended in respect of any qualification subsequently acquired by any registered person on production and proof of such fresh qualification, and on payment of an additional fee of ten dollars for the same.

V. The said Register shall be open for inspection by the Public free of charge, and also as from time to time altered, corrected and revised by the said Registrar shall be published in the Government Gazette of the said Colony at least once in every year.

That section nineteen be numbered section six and be amended by inserting after the words "no person" in the commencement of the section the words "except as hereinafter excepted" and that after the words "provided always that nothing in this" and in lieu of the residue of the section be inserted the words "act contained shall be held to apply to Dentist, or to the practice of a Dentist."

That after section six be inserted the following section:

VII. Nothing in this Act contained shall be held to apply to any Medical officer in Her Majesty's service on full pay, and on active service.

That section 20 be numbered 8.

After this section insert the following section:

IX. Any Registrar who shall wilfully make or cause to be made any falsification in the said Register, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof be imprisoned for any term not exceeding twelve calendar months.

X. If any person shall wilfully procure or attempt to procure himself to be registered under this Act by making or producing, or cause to be made or produced any false or fraudulent representation or declaration, either verbally or in writing, every such person so offending, and every person aiding and assisting him therein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, and shall on conviction thereof be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve calendar months.

XI. Every fine or penalty imposed under the provisions of this Act may be recovered with costs by way of summary conviction, and in default of payment by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, and in case of the insufficiency of such distress by imprisonment of the offender for any term not exceeding three calendar months, but no proceedings for the recovery of any such fine or penalty shall be commenced after the period of six months from time of the accruing of such fine or penalty.

XII. All fines, penalties, and fees imposed under the provisions of this Act shall be payable to Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors for the public uses of the said Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.

Strike out sections 22, 23 and 24.

Section 25 to be numbered section 13.

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