BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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No. 17.

An Ordinance respecting the practise of Surgery, and for the encouragement of the Study of Anatomy.

[11*th March*, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to encourage the Study of Surgery and Anatomy in this Colony; Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. That the body of any person found dead, publicly exposed, or who immediately before death had been supported in and by any Public Hospital receiving pecuniary aid from the Government of this Colony, shall, unless the person so dying otherwise directs, be delivered to persons qualified as hereinafter mentioned, for the purposes of dissection. But if such body be claimed within the usual period for interment by *bona fide* friends or relatives, the body shall be delivered to them; or if the person otherwise directed as aforesaid before death, the body shall be decently interred, as heretofore. What bodies may become subjects for dissection.

II. The persons qualified to receive such unclaimed bodies, shall be such Medical Practitioners as are duly qualified to practise, and are at the time of the passing of this Ordinance, or hereafter, shall be actually practising under the provisions of "The Medical Ordinance, 1867," who may require such bodies for dissection, either for their own improvement or the instruction of any Student or Students under them, or to the teachers of Surgery and Anatomy in any public or private School, College, Society, or Faculty of Medicine or Surgery that may hereafter be established in this Colony. Declares who are entitled to receive the same.

III. That the Person in charge of any and every such Public Hospital as aforesaid, and the Coroner of each District shall forward to the Medical Registrar of the Colony the name, age, sex, birthplace (if it can be ascertained), and date of death of all unclaimed bodies given up by them respectively for dissection under this Ordinance, within one week from the time of giving up such bodies as aforesaid. Description of unclaimed bodies given up for dissection to be sent to Medical Registrar.

IV. It shall be the duty of the said Medical Registrar to enter in a Book to be kept for that purpose by him, the name and residence of all Medical Practitioners qualified to receive and desirous of receiving bodies for dissection; and also to enter from the Returns forwarded to him by the Person or Persons in charge of the Public Hospitals and of the Coroners, in a Register to be kept for that purpose, the name, age, sex, birthplace, and date of death of all Persons mentioned in such Returns, with the name and place of residence of the Practitioner to whom the body was delivered as aforesaid. Medical men entitled to receive bodies, to be registered by the Medical Registrar.

V. That

Provides for reference to Register.

V. That such Returns, Book, and Register, shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection of any Medical Practitioner who may desire to inspect the same, on payment of a Fee of Fifty Cents for the use of the Medical Registrar.

Bodies to be impartially distributed.

VI. That Person or Persons in charge of the Public Hospitals as aforesaid, and the Coroners, shall make an impartial distribution of the bodies, in rotation, according to the actual wants of the claimants.

Receipt to be given for body, and fee paid.

VII. That on delivery of every such unclaimed body as aforesaid, the Person or Persons in charge of the Hospital or the Coroner, as the case may be, shall take from the Medical Practitioner receiving the body a receipt, in the Form A. in the Schedule to this Ordinance, and such Practitioner shall pay the sum of Ten Dollars to the Person from whom he receives the body, and take a receipt therefor, in the Form B. in the said Schedule; and such sum shall in every case be applied towards the support and maintenance of the Public Hospitals in the Colony.

Coroner may give unclaimed body to be dissected.

VIII. The Coroner who presides at the Inquest on any body found publicly exposed, and unclaimed by *bona fide* friends or relatives, shall deliver up the body to any Medical Practitioner (on application by him), duly qualified to receive the same under this Ordinance.

Medical practitioners availing themselves of this Ordinance to give security to Medical Registrar.

IX. That every Medical Practitioner wishing to avail himself of the benefits of this Ordinance shall appear before the Medical Registrar of the Colony, or his deputy, and give security, himself in the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and two sureties in the sum of Fifty Dollars each, for the decent interment of the bodies after they have served the purposes required.

Short Title.

X. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Anatomy Ordinance, 1869."

Passed the Legislative Council the 16*th day of February, A. D.* 1869.

CHARLES GOOD, *Clerk of the Council.*

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG, *Presiding Member.*

Assented to, on behalf of Her Majesty, this 11*th day of March,* 1869.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR, *Governor.*

SCHEDULE.

FORM A.

Received from [Coroner or the Person, &c., &c.,] the body of [name, age, sex, &c., &c.,] for the purpose of dissection and anatomical instruction.

Dated the day of , A. D. 18 .

Witness,

FORM B.

Received of [Medical Practitioner's name] the sum of Dollars, for the body of [name, age, sex, &c., &c.,] and I hereby certify that the said body has not been claimed by *bona fide* friends or relatives.

Dated the day of , A. D. 18 .

Witness

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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