

MEDICAL ANTI-MONOPOLY PETITION.

The Petition of the undersigned Practitioners and others of Upper Canada.

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, of the Province of Canada, in Parliament assembled,

Sheweth Your Petitioners, —

That several different and even conflicting systems of Medical Practice have sprung to our peculiar notice, have already succeeded in obtaining many thousands of votes from the medical profession, and well-to-do influence, among the most responsible and influential portions of the Canadian public; while, at the same time, the law regulating the study and practice of Medicine in this Province, recognizes only one class of practitioners in the great injury and oppression of all others, driving many of them from the study, and preventing others from entering the practice, who would otherwise, willingly devote their time and attention to its investigation and improvement; thus depriving qualified practitioners of the "placarded" systems, free to supply, and very difficult of access, to the great public, and without detriment of their financial interests; many of whom are thus largely deprived of all Medical assistance, it being impossible to induce them to surrender their long-earned right to the influence of a system of Case, believed by them to be directly opposed to the true philosophy of health.

Further, that this matter of opinion and system cannot be expected to terminate, so long as the Science of Medicine continues to be treated very imperfect and slowly progressive state; during the whole of which period, it will evidently be absolutely impossible, for any one system of Medical practice, however favored by class legislation, to meet the wants and ever-increasing expectations of the whole community. To-day, therefore, a full and free competition between the contending systems, holding all their practitioners equally responsible for the success of their respective systems of treatment, and in the same legal liabilities.

Your Petitioners, accordingly pray your Honorable House, to enact a law similar to the following during your present Session: —

AN ACT to secure to the people of Upper Canada the advantages of Medical Education.

Whereas the laws now in force in Upper Canada for regulating the practice of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, require amendment, and whereas it seems to be nearly an infringement to deny the right of private judgment in regard to the religious convictions; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, coordinated and sanctioned by statute, and under the authority of us her majesty, her heirs and assigns, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and extended in force to Canada and Manitoba of Upper and Lower Canada, and the Dominion of Wales, Town of Berwick, and the City of London, and of the Dominion of Wales, that it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:

1. That from and after the passing of this Act, the statute passed in the 10th year of the late Majesty George the Fourth, chap. 1, so far as it prohibits any person from practicing by any device, any device or device, writing, or the practice of Physician or Surgeon, or a compensation for services rendered in attending the sick, together with all other laws, or parts of laws, in any provision of any kind on subject of Medical Practitioners, shall be and are hereby repealed.

2. No person shall be liable to any legal prosecution, or be subjected to any legal penalty or forfeiture without license, but

3. Any person, however or otherwise, who shall practice Physic or Surgery, or shall practice midwifery or obstetrics in violation of the Act, and shall in any case bring any person liable to criminal or civil prosecution, or shall practice, or shall be convicted in relation to such practice, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to a fine of not less than five pounds, nor exceeding two hundred pounds; or imprisonment in the County Jail for a term not less than one month, nor more than twelve months.

Should your Honorable House, however, deem the people of this Province entitled to exercise the right of private judgment in medical matters, your Petitioners pray, that you will at least remove all legal penalties and disabilities from all Doctors and other Practitioners holding a diploma or certificate of qualification to practice from a regularly organized Board of their own Medical men.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by your Memorialists.

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