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An Act to incorporate *The Toronto School of Medicine*. 30th August, 1851.

Whereas John Rolph, Joseph Workman, William Thomas Aikins, James Langstaff, Gavin Russell, and Thomas David Morrison, all of the City of Toronto, Licensed Practitioners of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, have established and conducted a Public Medical School for the education of Candidates for the Medical Profession; And whereas, the usefulness of the said School will be promoted by the possession of Corporate Privileges and Powers: 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, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said John Rolph, Joseph Workman, William Thomas Aikins, James Langstaff, Gavin Russell, and Thomas David Morrison, and their successors, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby constituted a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of the Toronto School of Medicine, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter or renew the same, and may by that name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all Courts of Law and Equity in this Province, and may purchase, take and hold real and personal property, provided the real property, so held by the said Corporation, do not at any time exceed the value of Five Thousand Pounds currency, and may alienate the same and acquire other property instead thereof.

II. And be it enacted, That whenever any of the Members of the said Corporation shall die or shall resign, or it shall be deemed advisable by the Corporation to increase the number of Members thereof, then the said Corporation shall proceed according to their By-laws, for that purpose made and enacted, to elect other Members in the place and stead of those so dying or resigning, or needed to be elected, as the case may be.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall and may pass such By-laws as to them shall seem best calculated to regulate the teaching and instruction of the pupils of the said School in the Science and Profession of Medicine, by the delivery of Lectures in Anatomy and Physiology, Medicine and Pathology, Surgery and Surgical Anatomy, in Midwifery and Materia Medica, and in such other Collateral Sciences as to the said Corporation shall seem expedient.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall have power to make such By-laws as may be necessary for the conduct of its affairs and business, the government and education of its Pupils, and for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, as to the Members thereof shall from time to time appear expedient, and shall not be in any wise repugnant to law or inconsistent with this Act.

V. And be it enacted, That no individual Member of the said Corporation shall, in his private capacity, be liable for any debts or obligations of the Corporation.

VI. And be it enacted, That whenever any Pupil of the said Toronto School of Medicine shall, in his Medical Studies and in all other particulars, have complied with the requirements of the existing Law in Upper Canada, or with the requirements of any future Law regulating the qualifications of Medical Candidates, it shall and may be lawful for him to present himself before the Medical Board of Examiners in Upper Canada for examination; And it shall and may be lawful for the said Board, being satisfied with the competency of the said Candidate (after a public examination), to grant him a Certificate of Qualification or Diploma, or such other Credential as they now can or hereafter may be empowered to grant in such cases.

VII. And be it enacted, That when the Lecturers, in the said Toronto Medical School, shall be in accordance with and on the subjects provided by the twelfth section of the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Lower Canada, and to regulate the Study and Practice of Physic and Surgery therein*, then it shall in such case be lawful for any Candidate from the said School to present himself before the Medical Board of Examiners in Lower Canada for Examination; and after undergoing a Public Examination, it shall and may be lawful for the said Board, being satisfied that the Candidate has complied with all the Rules and Regulations required in such case by the said Law, and by the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Lower Canada, to grant such Candidate a Certificate or such other Credential as the said College in Lower Canada now can or hereafter may be empowered to grant.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all the powers of the said Corporation may be validly exercised by a majority of the Members for the time then being, or such number as the By laws shall provide for the transaction of business; and that any Deed or Instrument under the Seal of the Corporation, and signed by any such majority of the Members for the time being, or by such person or persons as shall be appointed by such majority as their Attorney or Attorneys for that purpose, shall be held to be the Deed of the Corporation, and any service of Process or otherwise, made at the place at which the said Medical School shall be kept, and (if in such case personal service be required, but not otherwise) on one of the Members of the Corporation, shall be deemed a valid service upon the said Corporation.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially noticed as such by all Judges and Justices of the Peace, and others whom it may concern, without being specially pleaded.