

SKETCH OF THE LATE ALIEN ACT.

(Passed 27th August 1841.)

1st. Any person actually and continually residing either in Upper or Lower Canada on the 10th February, 1841, and for seven years either before or after, *but including that day*, shall be deemed natural born British subjects—provided that within twelve months after the passing of this act or after the expiration of the seven years they shall take the oath or make the affirmation required.

2nd. Minors under 16 years on the 27th August 1841, are excepted, and may make oath or affirmation within twelve months after they are of that age. The death of persons within the twelve months does not invalidate the rights of heirs.

3rd. Persons naturalized under former acts, or who were exempted from the benefit by "an act to declare certain persons aliens" passed in the fifty-fourth year of George III, are not affected by this act.

4th. No person shall be disturbed in the possession or recovery of property on the ground of his claim being derived through an alien—provided such claim has not been derived *after* the passing of the act.

5th. Yet the actual possession and improvements of property—or actual sales and contracts for sales of property made by parties, holding it on the ground that they are next of kin to an alien (who otherwise would be heir) cannot be disturbed *if such have taken place prior to the passing of the act*.

7th. The Fees are on making oath and getting certificate 1s. 2d. for every name sought for in the Register to be kept open for public inspection 1s. 1d. and for every copy of a name and certificate 1. 3d.

A Scotch Hint.—Mr. Pullar, minister of the Secession Church in the Holm of Balfroon, had his orchard every year mercilessly plundered of the choicest of his favorite pears; and though carefully watched, the plunderer eluded the utmost vigilance. Circumstances at length transpired to fix strong suspicion on one of the neighbours. The minister, after conversing with the suspected person on other matters, remarked at parting, "By the bye, John, the pear tree at the north corner of the garden will be quite ready next week." The minister's garden was unmolested afterwards.

Contagion of Typhus Fever.—Place a little powdered saltpetre in a saucer, and pour on it as much oil of vitriol as will just cover it; a copious discharge of nitrous gas will instantly take place, the quantity of which may be regulated by lessening or increasing the quantity of the ingredients.