

## CHAP. 47.

## An Act for the relief of Victoria Elizabeth Lyon.

[Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, 10th May, 1878; Royal Assent given 29th June, 1878, and proclaimed 17th August, 1878.]

## Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Victoria Elizabeth Lyon, of the City of Ottawa, in the County of Carleton and Province of Ontario, wife of John Lyon, of the same place, grocer, hath, by her petition, humbly set forth that, on the thirtieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, she was lawfully married to the said John Lyon, at Christ Church, in the said City of Ottawa, by the Reverend J. S. Lauder; that the said John Lyon and Victoria Elizabeth Lyon lived together in married life until about the fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five; that there were born of the said marriage seven children, five of whom are still living; that for some time previous to the said fifteenth day of March, the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon was aware that the said John Lyon was living in adultery with several women, and that he has been so doing since; that about the said fifteenth day of March, the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon discovered that the said John Lyon had contracted infamous disease, whereupon the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon refused to further live or cohabit with the said John Lyon as his wife; that owing to the said facts, it became impossible for the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon to continue the relation of married life with the said John Lyon; that since the said fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, the said John Lyon has wholly neglected and refused to support, or to provide for, the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon and the children of the said marriage, and has wholly deserted them; that the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon is desirous of having the said marriage dissolved, annulled, and put an end to, so that she may be free from the same, and enabled to contract marriage with any other person or persons with whom it would have been lawful for her to contract marriage if they, the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon and John Lyon had not intermarried, that any children born of such future marriage be legitimate, and that the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon do have the custody of her said children, the issue of her marriage with the said John Lyon; and whereas, it is proper and expedient that the prayer of the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon should be granted: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Her marriage  
annulled.

**1.** The marriage between the said Victoria Elizabeth Lyon and John Lyon, her said husband, shall be and the same is hereby dissolved, and shall be henceforth null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.