

Appendix C.

MONTREAL, July, 1886.

During the last session of the Dominion parliament a bill purporting "to make further provision for the Protection of Women and Girls" was introduced and passed through the Commons by Mr. Charlton, M.P. It was afterwards amended and somewhat strengthened by the Senate, and finally passed into law. It is now the Act 49 Vic. Chap. 52, and its chief provisions are as follows:—

1. Any person who

- (1) Seduces and has illicit connection with any girl of previously good character, or who Attempts to have illicit connection with any girl of previously chaste character, —being in either case of or above the age of twelve years and under the age of sixteen years,
- (2) Unlawfully and carnally knows, or attempts to have unlawful carnal knowledge of any female idiot or imbecile woman or girl shall be guilty of a misdemeanour

2. Any person above the age of twenty-one years who, under a promise of marriage, seduces and has illicit connection with any unmarried female of previously chaste character, and under eighteen years of age, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour

3. Any person who procures a feigned or pretended marriage between himself and any woman, or any person who knowingly aids and assists in procuring such feigned and pretended marriage, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour