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An Act for the Relief of Alice Elvira Evans.

WHEREAS, Alice Elvira Evans, *née* Johnson, now of the Preamble.
city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, dress-
maker, wife of Owen Norton Evans, formerly of the city of
Hamilton, but now of the town of Owen Sound, in the said
5 Province of Ontario, upholsterer, hath, by her petition,
humbly set forth, that on the sixteenth day of March, in the
year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-
four, she was lawfully married to the said Owen Norton
Evans ; that they lived and cohabited together, as husband
10 and wife, until about the sixteenth day of October, one thou-
sand eight hundred and seventy-five ; that there was born
of the said marriage one child, William Stewart Evans, now
living ; that on or about the sixteenth day of October, one
thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, aforesaid, owing
15 to the said Owen Norton Evans living in adultery with
several women, and having contracted an infamous disease,
which he communicated to the said Alice Elvira Evans, it
became impossible for the said Alice Elvira Evans to con-
tinue to live with the said Owen Norton Evans as his wife ;
20 that in or about and for several months subsequent to the
month of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-
seven, the said Owen Norton Evans formed an intimacy and
committed adultery with a certain person named in the said
petition, which said person so named, as aforesaid, bore
25 a child to the said Owen Norton Evans ; that since the
eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-one, the said Owen Norton Evans has lived and is
still living in open adultery with another person, also named
in the said petition, with whom he pretends to have con-
30 tracted a marriage, and who has since borne him two
children ; that the said Owen Norton Evans has never con-
tributed anything towards the maintenance and support of
the said Alice Elvira Evans or her said child, either before
or since the said separation ; that the said Owen Norton
35 Evans has, by his conduct, dissolved the bond of matrimony
on his part : And whereas the said Alice Elvira Evans has
humbly prayed that the said marriage may be dissolved, so
as to enable her to marry again ; that she may have the
custody of her said child, William Stewart Evans, the issue
40 of her marriage with the said Owen Norton Evans, and that
such further relief may be afforded her as may be deemed
fit : And whereas the said Alice Elvira Evans has proved
the allegations of her said petition and has established the
acts of adultery above mentioned, and it is expedient that
45 the prayer of the said petition should be granted : There-