

and one of the elements of the new offence is in case of the wife, that she is in "destitute or necessitous circumstances." The destitution or necessity of the wife may frequently be provable *ex necessitate* only by the wife's evidence. The statute was passed for the wife's further protection by summary process and seems to imply that she may be the informant and chief witness. Section 242b as to inference of marriage and parentage appears to forecast the calling of the wife as a witness, and to be intended to aid her in proving her status as a wife, although she may not be able to prove that the marriage ceremony was in accordance with the laws of the country in which it took place. These considerations seem to favour the admission of the wife's testimony under the common law exception *ex necessitate* above referred to, and to be opposed to the ruling of Judge Wallace in *Re v. Allen*, above reported (head note 2). As regards the force of the decision of *R. v. Bissell*, 1 Ont. R. 514, above referred to, there is much to be said in favour of the dissenting opinion of Armour, J.

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