

and placed on his trial for bigamy before the Judge of the County Court of the County of Ontario, when he pleaded guilty to the charge of bigamy and was sentenced by the presiding Judge to penal servitude in the Provincial Penitentiary for the Province of Ontario, for the term of two years, and is now serving the term for which he was so sentenced ; that the said Mary Jane Bates made the discovery of the said adultery about the month of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five ; that the said Mary Jane Bates has, since the discovery of the said adultery so committed, as aforesaid, refused to cohabit with her said husband, and has since lived apart from him ; and that the said Mary Jane Bates 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 matrimony with any other person or persons with whom it would have been lawful for her to contract matrimony if they, the said Mary Jane Bates and Norman Adna Bates, had not intermarried ; And whereas it is expedient that the prayer of the said petition 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 :---

Marriage with  
N. A. Bates  
dissolved.

**1.** The said marriage between the said Mary Jane Bates and Norman Adna Bates, her husband, is hereby dissolved, and shall be henceforth null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

M. J. Bates  
may marry  
again.

**2.** It shall and may be lawful for the said Mary Jane Bates at any time hereafter to contract matrimony and to marry with any other man whom she might lawfully marry in case the said marriage had not been solemnized.

Issue of any  
such marriage  
to be legiti-  
mate.

**3.** In case of the said Mary Jane Bates again contracting matrimony with any person or persons with whom it would have been lawful for her to contract matrimony if they, the said Mary Jane Bates and Norman Adna Bates, had not intermarried, and having any issue born of her to such person, the said issue shall be and are hereby declared to be, to all intents and purposes, legitimate, and the rights of them, the said issue, and each of them and of their respective heirs, as respects their, and each of their, capacity to inherit, have, hold, enjoy and transmit all and all manner of property, real and personal, of what nature or kind soever, from any person or persons whomsoever, shall be and remain the same as they would have been to all intents and purposes whatsoever, if the said marriage between the said Mary Jane Bates and Norman Adna Bates had not taken place.