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An Act to enable Caira Robbins Wilkes, the wife of George Samuel Wilkes, of Brantford, Esquire, to convey by herself certain real estate devised to her by her late father.

WHEREAS George Samuel Wilkes of the Town of Preamble.
Brantford, in the County of Wentworth, and Caira Robbins, his wife, have presented their Petition to the Legislature, setting forth that she, before her marriage, held an undivided estate in fee, as tenant in common with her two sisters and one brother, in certain lands, and an undivided interest in moneys secured upon real estate, and of certain personal property in the Province of Canada, as devisee of her late father Richard Wilkins, and that before their marriage, which took place in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, she, by way of marriage settlement, conveyed her estate and interest in the said property, both real and personal, to Maria Wilkins and John Mittleberger as trustees, to the use of herself for life, and afterwards, to the use of the issue of their marriage, and in the event of there being no such issue, then to herself in fee simple; and that partition of the said property has recently been made between the tenants in common thereof, whereby a number of Town lots, and about eighty-eight acres of other land, in the Town of Brantford, beside some other real estate and personal property of comparatively small value, fell to her; that the Petitioners had not had any issue, but that the property would be of comparatively little value to them, without power of disposing of the same, and encumbering it by lease or otherwise, and praying that an Act might be passed for such purpose; and whereas it appears that the several allegations contained in said Petition are true, that and it is but reasonable and just that the prayer of the said Petition should be granted: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That the said real and personal estate shall be and the same is hereby absolutely reinvested in the said Caira Robbins Wilkes, for the same estates, and to the same extent that she would have held the same under the said will and partition, if the said marriage settlement had never been made; and so that she and her said husband, or any future husband, may sell, dispose of, and convey the same or any part thereof, in the same manner that the separate estates and property of married women, by the laws of Upper Canada, are authorised to be sold, disposed of and conveyed.

Caira R. Wilkes empowered to dispose of the said estate, &c.