

Of *Joseph Harris McClellan*, of the Township of *Pickering*, in the County of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act to vest the property and powers of the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company* in the Petitioner.

Of the Bank of *British North America*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the provisions of Section 59 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled "An Act relating to Banks and Banking" to the said Bank.

The Order of the Day being read for the reading of the Petition of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, and Province of *Ontario*; praying for an Act to dissolve her marriage with *Charles Edwin Holiwell*, of the City of *Quebec*, Province of *Quebec*, Army Stationer;

The Honorable Mr. *McDonald* presented to the House the following notice for a Bill of Divorce :—

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that application will be made to the Parliament of *Canada*, at the next Session thereof, by *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, and Province of *Ontario*, married woman, for a Divorce from *Charles Edwin Holiwell*, of the City of *Quebec*, in the Province of *Quebec*, Army Stationer, her husband, on the ground of adultery.

Dated at the City of *Toronto*, this 23rd day of June, 1876.

MARTHA JEMIMA HAWKSHAW HOLIWELL.

Then *William Frederick Powell*, of the City of *Ottawa*, Sheriff of the County of *Carleton*, was called to the Bar of the House, and being sworn, was examined as follows:—

What is your name, place of residence and profession or occupation?—*William Frederick Powell*, of the city of *Ottawa*, in the County of *Carleton* and Province of *Ontario*, Sheriff of said County.

Do you know *Charles Edwin Holiwell*, of the City of *Quebec*, in the Province of *Quebec*, Army Stationer, the Respondent to the Petition of his wife, *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the Province of *Ontario*, for an Act of Parliament for a Divorce from him,—and if so, how long have you known him?

I know him, and have known him for a period of about fifteen years.

Look on this paper marked "A," did you serve a copy of the same on *Charles Edwin Holiwell*; and if so, at what time, in what place and under what circumstances? I served a copy of the notice now shewn to me marked "A," on the Twenty-second day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, upon the said *Charles Edwin Holiwell*, by delivering the same to and leaving the same with him at his place of business in the City of *Quebec*, in the Province of *Quebec*,—such copy of said notice being in writing and bearing the proper signature in full of the said *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*. I at the same time told the said *Charles Edwin Holiwell* that the notice was a notice of application for divorce on the part of his wife, *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*, and that it was served by me at the instance and request of his said wife, and I read the same to him. I then said, "you are the husband of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*?" he replied, "Yes;" and said, "This is all rot. I expected this, and am prepared for it. I did leave her, and everybody says I should have done it long ago. I should have done it ten years sooner. I have got the start of her."

The said *William Frederick Powell* was directed to withdraw.

The Honorable Mr. *McDonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*, That the Petition of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, and Province of *Ontario*; praying for an Act to dissolve her marriage