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An Act to amend the Act establishing Mutual Fire Insurance Companies in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Act of the Legislature Preamble.

of Lower Canada, passed in the Canada, of Lower Canada, passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, instuled, "An Act to Act of L. C. authorise the establishment of Matuel Fire Incorporate Companies" at 4 W. 4. c. 38. authorise the establishment of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies" so 5 far as relates to double insurance and to the competency of witnesses in suits where Insurance Companies are interested; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The provisions and enactments contained in the twenty-third Sect. 23 de section of the above cited Act shall be held to include and have re-both to per-10 ference to all property, as well personal as real, which Fire Insurance sonal and real Companies organized under said cited Act or other Acts amending the property. same are allowed to insure, and to this effect shall be construed and interpreted by all Courts and Judges before whom the same shall be brought in question.

II. The interest any person may have in the issue of any suit or action Members to be to which any Insurance Company formed under said cited Act or any competent Act or Acts amending the same, by reason of his being a member of such Insurance Company, shall not render him an incompetent witness in such suit or action on behalf or against such Company.

III. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.

Act limited to