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### CHAP. 87.

An Act for the relief of Mary Jane Bates.

*(Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon on the 28th day of April, 1877 : Royal assent given by Her Majesty in Council on the 13th day of August, 1877 : Proclamation thereof made by the Governor General on the 5th day of September, 1877.)*

**W**HEREAS Mary Jane Bates, of the Village of Mitchell, Preamble.  
in the County of Perth, hath, by her petition, humbly set forth that on the seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, she was lawfully married to Norman Adna Bates at the house of one Robert Keeler, in the Village of Mitchell, in the County of Perth, in the Province of Ontario, in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada ; that the said marriage was by license ; that the said Mary Jane Bates and Norman Adna Bates lived and cohabited together as husband and wife from the date of such marriage up to about the month of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy ; that the said Norman Adna Bates, although the lawful husband of the said Mary Jane Bates, did commit adultery with one Bertha Priscilla Goodman at various times and in various places, and especially at times and in the places hereinafter mentioned, to wit : in the month of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, at the Village of Oshawa, in the County of Ontario, and several places adjacent thereto ; that on or about the second day of December last aforesaid, the said Norman Adna Bates, representing himself to be one George A. Wilson, an unmarried man, was married at the Village of Oshawa aforesaid, to the said Bertha Priscilla Goodman, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptist Church in Canada, and did live and cohabit with the said Bertha Priscilla Goodman as husband and wife until about the third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, when the said Norman Adna Bates was arrested  
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