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ONE TOO MANY.

A LOVE STORY.

BY ST. CLAIR.

CHAPTER I.

We were seated around a large fire, conversing. The wind outside was shrieking loudly, and the snow was falling heavily.—Being on the staff, our quarters were far more comfortable than those of the other officers of the brigade, so that we could afford to remain up until a late hour in the night. The house in which we were seated belonged to a farmer, who abandoned it on the advance of Sherman from Balton. As the old gentleman had left but little furniture in the place, we were compelled to use such articles as logs, boxes, and camp chests, on which to seat ourselves. But this inconvenience did not prevent our conversation from being lively and agreeable. The subject was man's general source of happiness and trouble—woman. General Bomb, although an old married man of over fifty, was still an enthusiastic admirer of the fair sex, and was loud in his praise of woman.

"I tell you, gentlemen," he said, concluding a long and animated panegyric, "a woman is, in my opinion, the noblest gift that God ever gave to man. She is good virtuous, affectionate and constant—these are the qualities she possesses."

"In your own imagination, General," interrupted Captain Blight, in his usual grave voice.

We all started at the speaker. Here was Captain Blight, our grave, exclusive Inspector General, who had never distinguished himself for anything else than for fighting like a madman, and for constantly smoking a short briarroot pipe—here was he, giving us his opinion about woman! The idea appeared ridiculous, because the Captain had never been known to speak to a woman from the hour he was appointed on General Bomb's staff, to the present time, and that was now nearly eighteen months. If the General and his military family were invited to a party by the rustic belle of the village, or if they were visited by a party of city ladies, that had come up to the front to see "our brave boys," Captain Blight invariably excused himself from being present under the pretext of having to make out some reports, or to perform some military duty which would occupy his time at that particular juncture.

This apparent aversion to female society had been a source of much wonder and amusement to his fellow officers, and we would tease him occasionally about it. Whenever we did so he would receive the jest in good part, replying only with the grave smile that he usually wore, when any remarks were made that rendered laughter allowable.

I have said the Captain was exclusive, and so he was. He never seemed to desire the society of his fellow officers, and when compelled to mingle with us would say very little, and then only when spoken to. In fact he had the most misanthropic disposition I ever knew a man possessed of, and this, added to the settled melancholy of his features, had made him an object of much surmise among us. It was, we did, on one occasion, find fault about his gravity and exclusiveness, but his reply did not encourage us to repeat the jest, although he was very courteous.

What he was, and where he came from, we knew but little. That he was from Mississippi we supposed, from his letters being postmarked from that States; but beyond this, we knew absolutely nothing. He had been a lieutenant in one of the regiments attached to our brigade, and having distinguished himself for gallantry on several occasions, the Gen. had appointed him Inspector General, with the rank of Captain. As such he continued, until the arrival of Major Delserton, who was ordered to report to our brigade for duty, and by Gen. Bomb assigned as A. A. A. G. On his assignment, to the astonishment of all, Captain Blight requested permission to be transferred to another staff. Having proved the best Inspector our brigade had yet had, General Bomb refused to give the desired permission, unless the request arose from an indisposition to serve under him—the Gen. The Captain assured the old veteran that, he was influenced by no personal motive, and the upshot was, that he still remained with us.

On the night when he astonished us all, by his response to the General's remark, we had observed that he appeared, if possible, more melancholy and graver than usual. We had been sitting before the fire for nearly four hours, and he had not once opened his lips. With his pipe in his mouth, he remained silently gazing on the blazing logs, until he spoke.

"In your own imagination, General," he repeated.

The General turned round and looked at him.

"The deuce you say," rejoined the old soldier, and he went on: "Why, Blight, what do you know of women? I always thought that you never spoke to a woman in your life; at any rate, I am quite certain you have not been studying the gentle sex lately."

The Captain knocked the ashes out of his pipe, and then replied, as he filled it with a fresh supply of tobacco:

"You are right; it is some time since I studied woman. But this night brings to my memory all that she has taught me.

He paused and lit his interminable pipe, which he whiffed at violently for a few seconds.

"I don't know why I feel communicative to night," he remarked suddenly; "it might be that your conversation has awakened memories, which would have otherwise lain dormant. You were speaking of women," he continued, "and you claimed for them the highest qualities imaginable. Do you think that your poetical ideas have any foundation in fact? I tell you, sir, that this very evening, two years ago, I proved the value of a woman's word; I proved her affection, and I proved her constancy. But perhaps I am tiresome to you," he remarked breaking off.

"Not at all, Blight, not at all," returned the General, and he added gaily, "let us have your experience with women, by all means. You so very seldom join in our conversation, that it is quite refreshing to hear you. Come; give us your tale. I hope no ticked lady has been jilting you Captain?"

Blight further astonished us by laughing—absolutely laughing! But it was one of those hollow, mirthless laughs, which we would prefer never to hear.

"No," he answered slowly, "I have not been jilted, General; but it might have been because I would not give the lady a chance to jilt me. And I expect that is the reason," he added.

"You are as melancholy as an owl in daylight," laughed the General, "and as grave as a judge. But, no matter, tell us the tale. You said you felt communicative to night, let us therefore have your experience with women."

"You shall have it, General," he returned.

I noticed that Major Delserton moved uneasily on his seat, but, at the moment, it did not appear to me as if the motion was fraught with any significance. Captain Blight laid his pipe on the ground, and wiping his face, which was covered with perspiration, although the night was bitter cold, gave us the following story,

CHAPTER II.

"I am from Mississippi, as you are aware," he commenced. "I was born and brought up near Clinton, and when I was about fourteen years of age my parents died. A gentleman, of the name of Dickson, was appointed, by my father's will, executor and guardian of the estate as well as of my person. The estate was not a very large one, comprising, as it did, about eleven hundred acres of land, and some fifteen negroes. Nevertheless, as it was free from debt, the income arising from it, was amply sufficient to supply my greatest wants, and to leave a generous margin besides.

"When my guardian arrived, at Homewood, the name of the plantation, he brought with him a little girl of about eleven years of age. There was nothing extraordinary in her appearance, for she was a very plain looking child, and, withal, possessed an awkwardness which I observed at the time as very singular. After making full arrangements with the overseer, Mr. Dickson left the plantation, taking me with him, and his daughter. We went to Jackson, the capital of the State, where I became a member of his family.

"Mr Dickson was a widower, with three children—two sons and a daughter—of which the last named was the oldest. His wife had died some years previous, and, as he felt no disposition to marry again, he had sent for an old maiden sister of his, who lived in the country, and she presided over the household when I went there. Annie Dickson, although awkward and plain looking, was, nevertheless, a good-natured child, and her father was, as I think him still, an excellent gentleman. Of the others, nothing need be said, for they bear no part in my tale."

The Captain here paused, and, rising from the box on which he was seated, walked up and down the room for a few seconds We looked at him with surprise. That something moved him was evident, and that his emotion was caused by a woman he had told us; but what could it be? Presently he resumed himself seated himself.

"I was sent to school in Jackson," he resumed," and for five years I knew no other home than that of Mr. Dickson. The old gentleman was always kind and affectionate to me, and did everything in his power to make me happy and comfortable. And I was happy; for I should have been more than human, had I resisted all the influences which were brought to bear upon me, to promote my happiness Not only was Mr. Dickson kind, but his sister was also very attentive, and, although the boys were too small to be companions of one of my age, they, too, placed such brotherly confidence in me, that, had they been my brothers in reality, I could not have bestowed greater affection upon them.

"So far as Annie Dickson was concerned, I can only say that, at the time, I gave her no more affection than I gave to the rest. Like the others, she was kind and attentive to me; and, being a much smarter girl than I was, as a boy, she would progressfully, and with apparent cheerfulness, aid me in my lessons. I say this much for her, because I would not have it supposed that there was no good in the girl, and because, although it is over with now, I cannot forget how dear she was to me; and her kindness and attention in those days I like to recall to my memory, for they are the only things which can bring any happiness at the present time."

"Pass your tobacco over here, Captain," said Captain Matthews to me, at that moment, I handed the tobacco to the gallant Captain, and, as he returned it Blight went on.

"In the five years of my residence with Mr. Dickson it must not be supposed that Annie had remained the same plain looking girl. She had changed in appearance very much, although the change had been gradually degrees her plainness and awkwardness left her, and she became a very pretty young woman. When I was nineteen years of age, and she was sixteen, she showed the woman to a greater extent than I showed the man. Then it was that I began to feel a change in my sentiments towards her. It came on, almost imperceptibly at first, but it did come, and I rose from my bed one morning with the positive knowledge that life was only bearable on condition that Annie should share it with me. I, therefore, suffered no time to elapse before I told her of my love, and asked her to consent to be my wife. She said but few words in reply; yet those few words informed me that she loved me better than any other that she then knew, and, if her father's consent was obtained, she would willingly take me as her husband."

A second, which was neither a groan nor a sigh, and yet sounding like both, burst from Major Delserton's lips, and he again moved uneasily in his seat. I believe I was the only one that noticed the action and the sigh—it it can be called such—of the Major. I also noticed that Captain Blight gazed intently upon him; and from these circumstances I then conjectured that Major Delserton had something to do with the tale. The Major was a very handsome man, and, be sides, a gentleman of fine talent and superior education.

Captain Blight went on with his tale.

"When I had received the assurance that my love was returned, I lost no time before I spoke to Mr Dickson about it. He heard me through, and when I finished speaking, he replied:

"'You are both very young, and can scarcely know whether you love each other, as you say you do. Such being the case, I will not give my consent to a marriage that might hereafter be regretted. At the same time, I will not refuse your request, for I do not know another young man whom I would be so pleased to call my son-in-law as yourself.'

"'My dear sir,' I interrupted, 'I think you are harsh in your conclusions. I am certain I never could regret marrying Annie, and I do not believe that she ever could regret marring me.'

"'No doubt you think so now,' he replied 'but I must be more careful of your and my daughter's happiness. If you truly love her now, you will love her in three years from this. Such being the case, here is my plan: You have never been outside of the limits of the State, and, therefore you know nothing of the world. Besides which, your education is not quite as complete as I could wish, and the facilities here for completing it are not as many as I desire. Taking these things into consideration, I think it will be better for you to travel three years, and, by seeing other countries, inform your mind. If, at the expiration of that period of time, Annie and yourself are still of a mind to marry, I will offer no objection, but you can be united as soon after as you may both desire.'

"I remonstrated with him, but all my remonstrances were unavailing, and I was necessitated to accede to his plans. Arrangements were accordingly made for my departure for Europe, and, one month after, I bade them all adieu, preparatory to my starting for New York, where I intended taking the steamer for Liverpool. On the evening before I left Jackson, I asked Annie to go with me into the balcony. She rose from her seat, and, walking side by side, we left the parlor, and were soon standing together alone at one end of the balcony. The moon was shining brightly, and I recollect now how beautiful she was that evening.

"Annie," said I taking her by the hand, "you have heard your father's decision respecting our engagement. He will not consent to our being bound to each other by any promise of marriage, for fear that hereafter we might repent of our betrothal. While I have agreed to his terms, I shall always consider myself bound to you, and I place my whole confidence in your constancy, as I have bestowed my entire love upon you.

"You can trust me," she answered, looking up in my face.

"I called for no further assurance; the look she gave me was sufficient to lull my apprehensions of inconstancy to rest. I felt her, certain that I would return to find her the same affectionate and noble girl I then believed her to be. Before we parted, we exchanged likenesses, and, on the occasion, I jestingly remarked that I hoped she would be the same when I came back.

"'I will be the same, Charles,' she answered gravely.

"My trip to Europe lasted for the entire three years, and it, no doubt, was of great service to me. I never was a man of handsome appearance, but the scenes I had witnessed, and the studies I pursued, had improved my mind considerably, and I could at least say that if I was not a genius, I was possessed of no small amount of information. What I saw in my travels, and what I then studied, can be of no earthly interest but suffice it to say that I returned to Jackson after three years of absence, with my manners more refined and my mind better cultivated. When I arrived, I was affectionately welcomed by Mr. Dickson, his sister and the boys, who had grown to be tall lads by this time, but I noticed that Annie was not present.

"'Where is Annie, I inquired, after the salutations were over.

"'She will be here directly,' replied Mr. Dickson, and he added in explanation, 'she did not expect you so early in the evening, and she is in her chamber preparing to receive you.'

"In a few minutes she came into the parlor, and if I had never loved her before I should have loved her then. She was now a fully developed woman, and was very beautiful, more so than I had ever conceived her capable of being. If I were a novelist, I could describe to you all the charms she possessed, but I am not, and so you must be satisfied with the general term, beautiful.—On her entrance she greeted me with a smile of joy, and the time passed by agreeably.—Just before I arose to retire, I took advantage of a lull in the conversation to whisper in her ear.

"'Annie,' I said, 'I have returned loving you better than I ever did. Can you assure me that you love me still?'

"She hesitated for awhile, but at length replied:

"'Charles, I love you as much as I ever did.

"I did not notice the ambiguousness of the reply, at the time, but I can recall it now. However, it fully satisfied me, and I went to bed that night, happy, in the thought that I was still loved. On the following morning I spoke to Mr. Dickson on the subject of our marriage, and on Annie informing her father that she was quite willing to marry me, he gave his consent to its taking place six months from that time.

"Man proposes and God disposes," Capt. Blight went on. "Before the six months had expired the war broke out, and I thought it my duty to take up arms in defence of the South. But I determined to consult Annie before I entered the service: in doing so, I represented to her that it would necessitate a postponement of our marriage if I entered the army, and I offered to remain in civil life, if she was unwilling that I should leave.

"'Your duty is to your country, Charles,' she replied, 'where it is a necessary that you must either postpone the marriage or remain out of the army. I say let it be postponed until brighter days.'

"'I do not insist upon our marrying before I enter the service,' I remarked, 'because the casualities of war are such, that I might be killed in my first battle, and I would not like to marry you with a chance of leaving you a widow shortly after.'

"She made no reply, and about two weeks after, we again parted. Our parting was affectionate, and neither of us, at least I, did not, suppose that we should, in our next meeting, find affection replaced with coldness and embarrassment. On my arrival in Virginia we corresponded with each other, and at first, her letters were filled with the most loving language imaginable. Suddenly I noticed a change in their tone. They were no longer the open and unrestrained expression of a lover's thoughts, but rather the cold and uncertain emanations of a mind, whose heart was not in its expressions. Their tone troubled me considerably, and I was about to apply for a furlough, when a lucky chance ordered me to Jackson.

"'You must know," the Captain proceeded, "I had been promoted to a Second Lieutenancy after the battle of Ball's Bluff, and I as my regiment had its full complement of officers, I was, in a measure, nothing better than a supernumerary. The order I spoke of awhile ago directed me to report at Jackson, to Col. Featherstone, who was there organizing regiment, and, at the same time, I was further promoted to a First Lieutenancy, in which capacity you knew me before my appointment on this staff.

"On my arrival in Jackson, I called to see Annie, but she was out, and when I did succeed in seeing her, all her former affectionate manner had departed. I tried to convince myself that the change existed only in imagination, but I could not. It was too palpable that she was cold and embarrassed when with me, and that her reception of my tender assiduities was of that distasteful, shrinking nature, which argues a desire to avoid them. I puzzled myself, thinking what could have occasioned the change. I was quite certain that it could have arisen from no ill conduct on my part, for I had never wronged Annie, even in thought. At length one day, I was made painfully aware of the cause."

"I had called to see some lady friends of mine, when, in the course of conversation, Annie was alluded to by one of the ladies.

"'So your friend, Miss Annie, has captivated the dashing Major———(I shall not call his name) said the lady, laughing.

"My heart beat violently as she spoke, but I replied, as calmly as I could, that I had not heard anything of it

"'Is it possible!' she returned, in surprise, why, it is the talk of the town. People say, it is quite a love, for he is a perfect gentleman, and she is really a good and beautiful girl.'

"I changed the conversation as soon as I could for her words were ineffably painful to me. Not that she spoke with a malicious intention, for but few persons knew of my engagement with Annie I went home that night filled with the most oppressive misery; still I made up my mind to know if I had heard the truth; if her coldness and constraint of manner arose from the report being true. At five o'clock on the next evening, I left the camp and went into town. Mr. Dickson was out, and Annie was alone in the parlor.

"When I entered, she started, and turned pale as she looked at my features. It must have been, because my face bore the impress of that which troubled me beyond measure.

"'Annie,' I began, abruptly, 'I have noticed, since my return to Jackson, that you greatly changed in your manner toward me. You used to be kind and affectionate, and you are now cold and formal. Is it because the love you once gave me has been transferred to Major———, whose name is coupled with yours all over town?'

"'What are you speaking about?' she asked, again startling as I mentioned the Major's name.

"'You are aware of what I mean,' I answered. 'I desire to know if the reports I have heard are true; and I desire to know if Major———is dearer to you than I am. Speak all to me candidly. If you no longer love me, say so, and I will freely release you from your engagement with me, if I cannot even do so cheerfully.'

"My language appeared to encourage her, for she no longer hesitated, but replied firmly, but gently.

"'Charles,' she answered, 'you have heard the truth, in part, and I should have mentioned it before had I not feared it would give you pain. I love you as much as I ever did; but, pardon me, my brother, for the confession, I cannot deny that Major——— is more to me than you are. Until I knew him, I never thought it possible for me to love another as I loved you; but for some time past I have been aware that you occupied but a secondary part in my thoughts. Pardon me; forgive me for it, for I cannot help my feelings—When I consented to marry you, I did not know that my love was only that of a sister.'

"'And so all my hopes are destroyed?' I rejoined bitterly. 'I can now no longer expect you to become my wife?'

"'Not unless you insist upon a fulfillment of our engagement,' she returned. 'If you insist upon our marriage, I will offer no opposition; but I shall have done my duty to you and to myself in telling you, before it takes place, that I can never feel the affection of a wife for you.'

"'I shall never claim an unwilling hand,' I replied, and then continued: 'From this hour you are free, Annie, to marry whomsoever you prefer, and in freeing you from a bond which must be irksome, I hope I may say, God grant that you may be happy.'

"'Will you not also say that you forgive me?' she remarked, with some earnestness in her voice.

"'I have nothing to forgive,' I replied. 'You have pleased yourself, and I can say nothing against your choice. But after my long years of constancy, I expected a different finale to our engagement, and, you will admit, I have cause for saying, that, after your conduct, I can now no more place any confidence in a woman's word.'

"Before she could reply, I arose and left the room. The following day I addressed a letter to Mr. Dickson, in which he was informed that I had released his daughter from her engagement with me The old gentleman immediately came out to the camp, and demanded an explanation. I simply assured him that my course was perfectly agreeable to his daughter, but I refused to give any further explanation. He left, much surprised at my conduct, and undecided whether to blame me or not. I have never seen Annie since, but I heard that she married the Major about six months after. The dissolution of our engagement took place this evening, two years ago,

"And now, General," he said in conclusion, "you have heard my tale. Will you assert that your poetical ideas of woman exist in reality? Was Annie Dickson good; was she virtuous; was she affectionate; was she constant, when she forgot me and bestowed her affection on a handsome face and greater wealth? These were all that induced her to the change, and——"

"It is false, false as hell," exclaimed the Major, starting to his feet, and speaking excitedly.

CHAPTER III.

We imitated the action of the Major, and were soon all standing before the fire. The Major was very much excited, and absolutely trembled from anger. But Captain Blight, who had also risen, betrayed no emotion, if he even felt it.

"What is false?" he asked, gravely.

"Your assertion that Annie Dickson, my wife, was influenced by a handsome face and by greater wealth," retorted the Major, "You assert a decided falsehood in saying so."

"I do not," rejoined Captain Blight, in the same calm voice. "I asserted the truth, and I assert more. I say that you were aware of my engagement to her when you first paid her your addresses."

I perceived, and so did all of us, that Major Delserton was endeavoring to master his passion at this fresh accusation. He did not reply until he had fully succeeded.

"This insult must be answered," he said, at length. "I will not say anything more now, but you shall hear from me on to morrow morning." And he turned to leave the room.

"A moment, Major Delserton," exclaimed Captain Blight, staying him, "your remarks indicate an intention to challenge me to a duel. Allow me to inform you that I will not accept it; and in refusing to do so, it cannot effect my courage. I will not fight you, because the country needs men too sorely for us to be killing each other; because you are *her* husband, and because I would not have it said, that I felt her conduct so keenly as to plunge myself into a duel. And if it would be unpleasant for us to remain on the same staff, I can assure you that the unpleasantness will not last much longer. For this very reason I tried to be transferred when you first arrived, for I felt then, as I feel now, that we would be one too many on General Bomb's staff. For the past seven months I have been looking for an opportunity to leave, and now that it has arrived, and the General knows my reason, I am certain that he will not object to my desire to be transferred to another brigade."

We separated for the night, and a few days after, Blight was transferred to General Cleburne's staff. He bade us a courteous goodbye, and as time passed by, and as the campaign with all its bustle and excitement commenced soon after, the story was almost forgotten. We could not judge Major Delserton harshly, because from our knowledge of the man, he was incapable of the treachery with which he was charged.

Our army fell back to Kenesaw Mountain, after a stubborn struggle of over two months' duration. On the general attack on our lines, General Bomb observed an officer riding at full speed between the opposing armies, with the Federal sharp-shooters rapidly firing at him. In a few minutes Captain Blight halted beside the General.

"General," he said hurriedly, "you must move up your division (the General was then in command of the division) to support General Cleburne. The Federals are pressing us closely—Ah!—"

"What is the matter, Captain?" we exclaimed.

"Take me off my horse," he answered, faintly. "I have been struck by two bullets; and, I fear, fatally."

We lifted him gently from the saddle, and laid him on the ground. When the Surgeon arrived, he shook his head and said he could do nothing. Captain Blight had been struck in a vital part, and was bleeding internally. He was dying.

When this was made known, Major Delserton walked up to the dying man and knelt by his side. His features were sad, but there was not a trace of animosity to be seen upon them.

"Captain," he said, stooping over him, "before you die, I wish to say a few words to you. I admit that I wronged you, but I did so unintentionally. I never knew of your engagement to Annie, until after it was broken off and I had applied for her hand. In accepting me, she candidly told me of it, and stated that its existence had caused her not to encourage my suit previously. Pardon me for the wrong I have done you, and pardon her also. As her father offered, she was not decided in her own mind, when she accepted you, and I know that even now it causes her much pain, when she thinks of all the unhappiness she has brought upon you."

The dying man raised himself up on his arm.

"Major Delserton," he said faintly, "I am about to meet my God, and I trust I shall do so with a heart free from animosity. If I have anything to forgive you for, you are freely forgiven. And so far as Annie is concerned, tell her that I loved her to the last second of my life. Do not be angry at the confession. Tell her good-bye for me, and may God bless and make you both happy in each other's love."

He fell back as he ceased, and expired. Poor Blight! We could all drop a tear on his corpse without its being considered unmanly. Poor, broken-hearted man! His grave is in the cemetery at Jackson, and the flowers that are blooming over the mound, were planted by the hand of her he loved so dearly, yet hopelessly. And very often, his lost Annie visits the spot, and leaves it pensively thinking of the unhappiness she had caused so noble a heart.

Provincial Parliament.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

OTTAWA, June 12.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The usual standing committees were appointed.

MINISTERIAL EXPLANATIONS.

Hon. Mr. Letellier asked for explanations in reference to Hon. Mr. Brown's retirement from the Ministry.

Sir N. F. Belleau replied that if Mr. Brown did not arrive to-night, and if the House insisted, explanations would be given to-morrow.

Sir N. F. Belleau announced that His Excellency would receive the Address agreed to by the House, to-morrow at 3½ o'clock.

The House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

OTTAWA, June 12, 1866.

The Speaker this afternoon took the chair at three o'clock.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

Mr. Dunkin—Bill entitled the Interest Act of 1866.

Mr. Bourassa—Bill to regulate the rate of interest.

Mr. Mackenzie—Bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting the assessment laws of Upper Canada.

Mr. McKellar—Bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting the municipal institutions of Upper Canada.

Mr. Bourassa—Bill to amend the law relating to weights and measures.

THE ADDRESS PRESENTED—GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

At half-past three, the House waited on His Excellency to the Executive Council Chamber, and presented their address in reply to the speech from throne.

His Excellency was pleased to reply as follows:—"To the House of Assembly, I thank you for your Address, and I now commend to your earnest consideration the important matters which will be immediately laid before you."

BILLS, NOTICES, MOTIONS, &c.

The Speaker having resumed the Chair.

Mr. Bourassa introduced a Bill to amend chapter 26 Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, in so far as it relates to