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An Act in amendment of "An Act to incorporate the Bar of Lower Canada," and of a certain other Act therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it is but just and reasonable that persons entitled to practise as Advocates, Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors and Proctors-at-Law in the Courts in Lower Canada, who have relinquished the practice of their profession prior to the passing of the Act of the 12th year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Bar of Lower Canada," or who may hereafter see fit to relinquish it, should be exempt from the liabilities and payment of the annual subscription or contribution imposed upon members of the legal profession by the said Act, towards the common fund of the section to which such members may have belonged, and from all other obligations created by the said Act, as well as from the liabilities imposed by the 15th section of an Act of the 13th and 14th years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to assign fixed annual salaries to certain Officers of Justice in Lower Canada, and to form a special fund out of the salaries, fees, emoluments and pecuniary profits attached to their offices," Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.
12 Vict. c. 46.

13 and 14
Vict. c. 37.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That no person who, at the time of the passing of the aforesaid Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Bar of Lower Canada," held a commission as Advocate, Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor or Proctor-at-Law in Lower Canada, and may have been empowered to practice as such in the Courts of Law therein, but who spontaneously may have relinquished the profession of the law, and for the (five) years next preceding the date of the passing of the said Act shall not have practised in any of the Courts of Law in Lower Canada, shall, in any respect, be subject nor liable to the operation of the said Act, nor to the payment of the annual subscription tax or contribution to the aforesaid common fund, thereby authorised and provided, nor to the contribution tax or charge imposed by the 15th section of the said Act, of the 12th and 13th years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to assign fixed annual salaries to certain Officers of Justice in Lower Canada, and to form a special fund out of the salaries, fees, emoluments and pecuniary profits attached to their offices."

Advocates not having practised during the 5 years next before the passing of 12 Vict. c. 46, exempted from contribution under it or 13 and 14 Vict. c. 37.