

BILL.

An Act for the relief of Fanny Margaret Riddell.

WHEREAS Dame Fanny Margaret Riddell, now residing at Beaconsfield, in the Parish of Point Claire, in the district of Montreal and Province of Quebec, wife of George Field Herchmer, formerly of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, now of some place in the North-West Territories, unknown, doctor of medicine, hath, by her petition, humbly set forth that on the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, she was lawfully married at the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, to the said George Field Herchmer; that they lived and co-habited together as husband and wife until the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, when the said George Field Herchmer deserted his said wife, the petitioner, and left the City of Montreal for parts unknown; that he subsequently went to the North-West Territories and resided at one time at Edmonton, in the said North-West Territories, and that he hath never since lived with the said Fanny Margaret Riddell, and has failed and neglected to provide for and maintain her; that during his residence at Edmonton, aforesaid, and at other places, he has committed adultery with various persons, and more especially at Edmondton, aforesaid, in or about the month of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six committed adultery with a certain squaw or Indian woman, whose name is unknown to the said Fanny Margaret Riddell; and that there was born of the marriage of the said Fanny Margaret Riddell with the said George Field Herchmer, on or about the tenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, one female child (Frances Hilda), now living, still a minor; and whereas the said Fanny Margaret Riddell has humbly prayed that the said marriage may be dissolved, and that she be authorized and empowered to marry again, and that she may have the custody of the said child, Francis Hilda, issue of her marriage with the said George Field Herchmer, and that such further relief may be afforded her as may be deemed fit; and whereas the said Fanny Margaret Riddell has proved the allegations of her said petition, and has established the acts of adultery above mentioned; and it is expedient that the prayer of her said petition should be granted: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The marriage between the said Fanny Margaret Riddell and George Field Herchmer, her said husband, is dissolved.