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BILL.

[No. 13.]

An Act to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province.

WHEREAS it is expedient to shorten the period of continued residence required by the fourth section of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled *An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Naturalization of Aliens*, on the part of Aliens not coming within the scope of the second and third sections of the said Act, before such Aliens are entitled to become naturalized subjects of Her Majesty: Be it therefore enacted, etc., as follows:

Preamble.

12 Vic.c. 197.

That the Act cited in the preamble, shall hereafter be construed and have effect as if the period limited for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned in the fourth section thereof were " years or upwards," instead of "seven years or upwards," and the words of the oath to be taken under section five of the said Act, or in any certificate or other proceeding under the same, may be varied accordingly.

Time of residence requisite for naturalization shortened.