

An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The sub-paragraph substituted by chapter 40 of the 1892, c. 29,
5 statutes of 1895 for sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (e) of s. 3 amended
section 3 of *The Criminal Code*, 1892, is hereby repealed and
the following substituted therefor:—

“(i.) In the province of Ontario “The Court of Appeal for Ontario”

10 2. Section 182 of the said Code is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:— New s. 182.

“182. Every one above the age of twenty-one years is guilty of an indictable offence, and liable to two years' imprisonment who, under a promise of marriage, or after a promise of marriage and while they are engaged to be married, seduces and has illicit connection with any unmarried female, of previously chaste character, and under twenty-one years of age.”
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3. Section 641 of the said Code is amended by inserting 20 after the word “not” in the second line thereof the following words, “and any person who was complainant or informant in a matter where the person charged has been committed for trial.” Section 641 amended.

4. Section 684 of the said Code is amended by striking 25 out paragraph (c), and substituting the following:— Section 684 amended.

“(c.) Offences under Part XIII., sections 182 to 188 inclusive.”

5. Section 687 of the said Code is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:— New s. 687.

30 687. “If upon the trial of an accused person, such facts are proved, upon the oath or affirmation of any credible witness, that it can be reasonably inferred therefrom, that any person whose deposition has been taken in the investigation or previous trial of any charge before a judge or justice, is dead, or 35 so ill as not to be able to travel, or is absent from Canada, and if it is proved that such deposition was taken in the presence of the person accused, and that he, his counsel or solicitor, had a full opportunity of cross-examining the witness, then if the deposition purports to be signed by the judge or justice before 40 whom it purports to have been taken, or duly certified by a shorthand reporter, acting as such at the investigation or pre-

Depositions on preliminary inquiry may be read in evidence.