BILL

To repeal in part and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the better protection of the Lands "and property of the Indians in Lower Canada."

WHEREAS it is expedient to designate more preamble. accurately the persons who have and shall contiune to have a right of property, possession or occupation in the lands and other immovable property belonging to or 5 appropriated to the use of the various tribes or bodies of Indians residing in Lower Canada: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That the fifth section of the Act passed in the now last Sect. 5, of 13 session of the present Parliament, chaptered 42, and in- & 14 Vict. c. 10 tituled, "An Act for the better protection of the Lands "and property of the Indians in Lower Canada" shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it declared and enacted, That for the pur- Who shall pose of determining what persons are entitled to hold, be deemed 15 use or enjoy the lands and other immovable property beloning to belonging to or appropriated to the use of the various any Tribe. tribes or bodies of Indians in Lower Canada, the following persons and classes of persons and none other shall be considered as Indians belonging to the tribe or body 20 of Indians interested in any such lands or immovable property:

Firstly. All persons of Indian blood, reputed to belong to the particular tribe or body of Indians interested in such lands or immovable property, and their descend-25 ants:

Secondly. All persons residing among such Indians, whose parents were or are, or either of them was or is, descended on either side from Indians or an Indian reputed to belong to the particular tribe or body of Indians 30 interested in such lands or immoveable property, and the descendants of all such persons: And

Thirdly. All women, now or hereafter to be lawfully married to any of the persons included in the several classes hereinbefore designated; the children issue of 35 such marriages, and their descendants.