
THE SENATE OF CANADA.

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An Act for the relief of William Henry Featherstonhaugh.

WHEREAS William Henry Featherstonhaugh, of the town of Penetanguishene, in the county of Simcoe, in the province of Ontario, master mariner, has, by his petition, set forth that on the sixteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, he was lawfully married at Penetanguishene aforesaid, to Helen Featherstonhaugh (whose maiden name was Helen Anderson); that they cohabited together as husband and wife until on or about the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and had issue of the said marriage four children, of whom two are still living; that on or about the said last named date the said William Henry Featherstonhaugh had reason to suspect that she was leading an irregular life, and a deed of separation was then prepared and executed by the said William Henry Featherstonhaugh and Helen Featherstonhaugh, and since that date they have lived separate and apart and have not cohabited together; that since the date of the said separation she has on divers occasions committed adultery with divers persons, and particularly during the years from one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven to one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, inclusive, on divers occasions with one Frederick Measam; and whereas the said William Henry Featherstonhaugh has humbly prayed that the said marriage may be dissolved and that he may be authorized to marry again, and that such further relief may be afforded him as is deemed meet; and whereas he has proved the said allegations of his petition, and it is expedient that the prayer thereof 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 said marriage between the said William Henry Featherstonhaugh and Helen Featherstonhaugh, his wife, is hereby dissolved and shall henceforth be null and void to all intents and purposes whatever.

2. The said William Henry Featherstonhaugh may at any time hereafter marry any woman whom he might lawfully marry in case the said marriage with the said Helen Featherstonhaugh had not been solemnized.