

about the first day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; that the said Sophia Stinson, although the lawful wife of the said John Robert Martin, did commit adultery with one William Lount, at various times and in various places, and especially at the places and about the times hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: at the Town of Barrie, and in several places adjacent thereto, on numerous occasions during the months of September, October, November and December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven; at the City of Toronto, at the Albion and American Hotels, and in several other places in the said city and adjacent thereto, in the said months of October and December, and in the months of January, February, March, April, May and June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and at the City of Hamilton in the said months of January, February and March; that the said John Robert Martin made discovery of the said adultery about the first day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; that the said John Robert Martin has, since the discovery of the said adultery so committed as aforesaid, refused to cohabit with his said wife, and has since lived apart from her; and that the said John Robert Martin is desirous of having the said marriage dissolved, annulled, and put an end to, so that he may be free from the same, and enabled to contract matrimony with any other person or persons with whom it would have been lawful for him to contract matrimony, if they the said John Robert Martin and Sophia Stinson had not intermarried; and whereas the said Sophia Stinson, since the discovery of the said adultery, departed from Canada, and has since been residing in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, her present residence being unknown, but her last known place of residence was at Lockport, in the said State of New York; and whereas the said John Robert Martin hath, subsequent to the discovery of said adultery, brought an action for criminal conversation in Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas for Ontario, against the said William Lount, and recovered a verdict in the said action against the said William Lount, for two thousand dollars, and entered judgment thereon, and hath compelled the said William Lount to pay the same with costs; and whereas it is expedient that the prayer of the 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:—

Marriage
made void.

1. The said marriage between the said John Robert Martin and Sophia Stinson, his wife, is hereby dissolved, and shall be, henceforth, null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Martin may
marry again.

2. It shall and may be lawful for the said John Robert Martin at any time hereafter to contract matrimony, and to marry with any other woman with whom he might lawfully marry in case the said marriage had not been solemnized.