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## BILL.

An Act to amend the Act cap. 77 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, intituled, "An Act respecting the action of seduction and the support of illegitimate children.

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Mr. NOTMAN.

## QUEBEC:

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An Act to amend the Act Chapter 77, of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, intituled "An Act respecting the action of seduction and the support of illegitimate children."

WHEREAS the remedy provided by the Act respecting the action Preamble. of seduction and the support of illegitimate children, chapter 77 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, has proved insufficient in many cases of great hardship in which relief ought to be granted, by reason of the neglect of the persons mentioned therein as being entitled to bring such action, or of their decease, or of their being absent from the Province, or being under other disability:

Therefore Her Majesty, &c.

1. In addition to the persons mentioned in the said Act as competent In addition to 10 to sustain an action for the seduction of an unmarried female, it shall mentioned in and may be lawful for any relative or friend of the person seduced, cap.77 of Con. approved of and thereunto appointed by any Judge of either of the Su-Siat., U.C. perior. Courts of law in Upper Canada or the Judge of the County Court a judge may appoint a perfor the County in which the seduction took place, or by the Judge of the son to bring 15 County Court for the County in which such friend or relative of the the action for seduced party may reside, on the application of the party seduced or seduction.

15 County friend or relative to such Judge, and upon cause shewn by affidavit, to bring and sustain an action for such seduction, at any time and in any case at and in which the master of the party seduced could sustain 20 an action for such seduction under the said Act, but subject to the provisions contained in the said Act, in so far as they are not inconsistent with those of this Act.

2. The Judge who shall so approve of and appoint a relative or Judge to different of the person seduced as the party entitled to sustain any action mages recovered for seduction, or in his default the Judge who shall try the case, or any ered shall be other such Judge as aforesaid, shall have power to direct in what manapplied. ner the damages that may be recovered shall be appropriated and disposed of for the benefit of the person seduced and her offspring born in consequence of such seduction, and neither this provision nor the exertion of the power given by it, shall affect her admissibility as a witness in the case.

3. All causes of action that may have arisen within two years previous Act to apply to the passing of this Act, shall be cognizable under this Act in all cases. Courts having jurisdiction in cases of seduction in Upper Canada.