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An Act to amend the Law as respects persons dying in any Lunatic Asylum in Upper Canada.

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Whereas it is expedient to amend the enactments now in force in Upper Preamble.
Canada, as respects inquests upon the bodies of persons dying in
any lunatic asylum, and the disposal of the bodies of persons so dying,
so as to make the law, in that behalf, uniform throughout the Province :

5 Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :—

1. So much of the second section of chapter one hundred and twenty- Sect. 2, of
five of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, or of any other cap. 125, Con.
Act or Law, as would require that a Coroner's Inquest should be held Stat., U. C.,
upon the body of every prisoner or other lunatic confined in any lunatic amended.
10 asylum, and dying therein, is hereby repealed; and no inquest shall Inquests to be
be held on the body of any such person by any Coroner, unless and held only in
until it has been made to appear to such Coroner that there is reason to cases where
believe that the deceased died of violence or unfair means, or by culpable required by
15 or negligent conduct, either of himself or of others, under such circum- the general
stances as require investigation, and not through mere accident or law.
mischance.

2. So much of the second section of chapter seventy-six of the Con- Sect. 2, of
solidated Statutes of Canada as would, in certain cases, require that the cap. 76, of
body of any person dying in a lunatic asylum, should be delivered to Con. Stat.,
20 the persons qualified to receive the same under section three of the said Can., repealed
Act, is hereby repealed, and the body of any person so dying shall be
decently interred.