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An Act to dispense with the property qualification of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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MR. McDougall.

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An Act to render the possession of property unnecessary as a qualification for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS experience hath shewn that the possession of a specified Preamble.
 amount of real property by members of the Legislative Assembly is no evidence of Statesmanship, and no guarantee for the honest discharge of duty; And whereas there is reason to believe that the law requiring such qualification is often evaded; Therefore Her Majesty, &c.,
 5 enacts as follows :

I. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be necessary that
 any candidate at any election of a member or members of the Legislative
 Assembly of this Province, be seized of or possess, or make or sub-
 10 scribe any declaration that he is seized or possessed of real property held
 by any tenure, of the value of five hundred pounds sterling, or of any
 other value, and neither the want of such real property nor the refusal
 or neglect of any candidate as aforesaid, to make, subscribe, or deliver
 a declaration of qualification as now by law required, shall prevent such
 15 candidate from being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly, or
 render him ineligible to sit and vote therein; any Act, usage or custom
 to the contrary notwithstanding.

Property qualification and declaration declared unnecessary.