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An Act to dispense with property qualifications of Members of Parliament.

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An Act to dispense with property qualifications of Members of Parliament:

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom Preamble.
passed in the Session thereof held in the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter one hundred and eighteen, intituled "An Act to empower the Legislature of Canada to alter the Imperial Act, 17 & 18 Vict. c. 118, recited.
5 "Constitution of the Legislative Council for that Province, and for other
"purposes," it is amongst other things in effect enacted that it shall be lawful for the Legislature of Canada to fix, and, from time to time to vary, the qualifications of the persons capable of being elected Legislative Councillors, and also to vary or repeal any of the provisions of the Act of the
10 said Parliament, passed in the Session thereof held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter thirty-five, intituled "An Act to Imperial Act, & 4 Vict. c. 35.
"Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada" which relate to the property qualification of Members of the Legislative Assembly; and whereas it is expedient to dispense
15 with the ownership of a specified amount of real property, as a test of qualification for a seat in either House of the Provincial Parliament: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c.

I. The twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sections of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the Session thereof held in
20 the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter thirty-five, intituled "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, "and for the government of Canada," together with the forty-eighth and forty-ninth Sections of the Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter twenty-seven, intituled
25 "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one act the several statutory provisions now in "force for the regulation of Elections of Members to represent the People "of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof," and so much of the fourth, seventh and fourteenth sections of the Act of the Parliament
30 of this Province, passed in the Session thereof held in the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter one hundred and forty, intituled "An Act to change the Constitution of the Legislative Council by "rendering the same Elective," and of the Schedule C, to the said last mentioned Act, as relates to the property qualification of Members of the
35 Legislative Council shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed. Sections 28 & 29, of Imperial Act, 17 & 4 Vict. c. 35, and 45th & 49th sections of Provincial Act, 12 Vict. c. 29, and portions of 4th, 7th and 14th sections of Provincial Act, 19 & 20 Vict. c. 140, repealed.