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No. 268.

4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 14 & 15 Vict., 1851.

BILL

An Act to repeal in part and to amend
an Act, intituled "An Act for the
"better protection of the Lands and
"property of the Indians in Lower
"Canada."

Received and read a first time, Wednesday,
30th July, 1851.

Second reading, Friday, 1st August, 1851.

Mr. Sol. Gen. DRUMMOND.

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B I L L

To repeal in part and amend an Act, intituled,
 “ An Act for the better protection of the Lands
 “ and property of the Indians in Lower Canada.”

WHEREAS it is expedient to designate more Preamble.
 accurately the persons who have and shall continue
 to have a right of property, possession or occupation in
 the lands and other immovable property belonging to or
 5 appropriated to the use of the various tribes or bodies of
 Indians residing in Lower Canada: Be it therefore
 enacted, &c.,

That the fifth section of the Act passed in the now last Sect. 5, of 13
 session of the present Parliament, chaptered 42, and in- & 14 Vict. c.
 10 titled, “ *An Act for the better protection of the Lands* 42, repealed.
 “ *and property of the Indians in Lower Canada*” shall
 be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it declared and enacted, That for the pur- Who shall
 pose of determining what persons are entitled to hold, be deemed
 15 use or enjoy the lands and other immovable property Indians
 belonging to or appropriated to the use of the various belonging to
 tribes or bodies of Indians in Lower Canada, the follow- any Tribe.
 ing persons and classes of persons and none other shall
 be considered as Indians belonging to the tribe or body
 20 of Indians interested in any such lands or immovable
 property:

Firstly. All persons of Indian blood, reputed to belong
 to the particular tribe or body of Indians interested in
 such lands or immovable property, and their descend-
 25 ants:

Secondly. All persons residing among such Indians,
 whose parents were or are, or either of them was or is,
 descended on either side from Indians or an Indian re-
 puted to belong to the particular tribe or body of Indians
 30 interested in such lands or immoveable property, and the
 descendants of all such persons: And

Thirdly. All women, now or hereafter to be lawfully
 married to any of the persons included in the several
 classes hereinbefore designated; the children issue of
 35 such marriages, and their descendants.