

the said Corporation, which statement in triplicate as aforesaid shall be signed by the Directors, and attested on oath or affirmation by the Secretary, or in case of his sickness, absence or inability to attend, by such person or persons as the Directors, or any quorum thereof, may appoint to act in his stead, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Province, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, and the Legislature: Provided always, that the rendering such statement shall not extend to give any right to the Stockholders, not being Directors, to inspect the account of any individual or individuals with the said Corporation.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That any joint Committee hereafter to be appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly for the purpose of examining into the proceedings of the Corporation, shall either during the Session or prorogation of the General Assembly, have free access to all the books and accounts of the same.

Any Joint Committee of the Council and Assembly to have access to the Books, &c.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That any number of Stockholders, not less than twenty, who together shall be proprietors of six hundred shares, shall have power at any time by themselves or their proxies, to call a general meeting of the Stockholders, for any purpose relating to the business of the said Corporation, other than a dissolution thereof, giving at least thirty days notice in two of the newspapers published in this Province, and specifying in such notice the time and place of such meeting, with the objects thereof; and the Directors, or any four of them, shall have the like power at any time, upon observing the like formalities, to call a general meeting as aforesaid.

Special Meetings may be called by 20 Stockholders, Proprietors of 600 Shares.

XXX. And be it enacted, That any number of Stockholders, not less than twenty five, who together shall be proprietors of six hundred shares in the Capital Stock of the said Corporation, shall have the power, at any time, by themselves or their proxies, to call a general meeting of the Stockholders, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of dissolving the said Corporation, giving at least three months previous notice in two or more of the newspapers printed and published in this Province, and specifying in such notice the time and place of such meeting, with the objects thereof; and should it be agreed upon at such meeting that the said Corporation should be dissolved, such Stockholders are hereby authorized and empowered to take all legal and necessary ways and means to dissolve the said Corporation: and upon such or any other dissolution of the said Corporation, the Directors then in office shall take immediate and effectual measures for closing all the concerns of the said Corporation, and for dividing the Capital and profits which may remain, among the Stockholders, in proportion to their respective shares.

Special Meetings for considering of the dissolution of the Company, may be called by 25 Stockholders, Proprietors of 600 Shares.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That the Secretary of the said Corporation shall on the first Thursday of January in each and every year, make a return in triplicate of the state of the affairs of the said Corporation, as they existed at three of the clock in the afternoon of that day, and shall forthwith transmit the same to the Office of the Secretary of the Province; which return shall specify the aggregate amount of the risks at that time taken by the said Corporation, the amount of losses incurred during the preceding year, the amount of Capital actually paid in, and how the same has been invested and secured, also a particular statement of the manner in which the residue of the Capital has been secured, the amount of the Dividends for the preceding year, and when declared, together with the amount of surplus profits, if any, then belonging to the said Corporation, and how the same have been invested and secured, the amount of real estate owned by said Corporation, together with a particular statement of all other the affairs of the said Corporation; which return shall be signed by the Secretary of the said Corporation, who shall make oath or affirmation before some Justice of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to the truth of the said return, according to the best of his knowledge and belief; and the Secretary of the said Corporation shall also at the same time make a return, under oath or affirmation, of the names of the Stockholders, and the amount of Stock owned by each: and a majority of the Directors of the said Corporation shall certify and make oath or affirmation before the same Justice of the Peace, that the books of the said Corporation indicate the state of facts so returned by their Secretary, and that they have full confidence in the truth of the return so made by him; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Province, annually, to lay before the Legislature of this Province, so soon after the opening of the Session as practicable, such returns as aforesaid as he may have received since the then next previous Session.

A statement of the affairs to be made up on the first Tuesday in January annually, to be laid before the Legislature.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until

Limitation,