

25. The said Corporation shall be liable to pay to any *bona fide* holder, the original amount of any note of the said Bank which shall have been counterfeited or altered in course of its circulation to a larger amount, notwithstanding such alteration.

26. The head quarters or chief banking house of the said Corporation shall be kept and established at Saint John, or at such other place as the Board of Directors may think it necessary to remove the said Bank on account of any great emergency, for the security thereof.

27. The Directors shall, at the general meeting to be held on the first Monday in March in every year, lay before the stockholders for their information, an exact and particular statement of the amount of debts due to and by the said Corporation, the amount of bank notes then in circulation, the amount of gold and silver then on hand, and the amount of such debts as are in their opinion bad or doubtful; also the surplus or profit (if any) remaining after deduction of losses and provision for dividends; which statement shall be signed by the Directors and attested by the Cashier; and a duplicate statement so signed and attested, 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 of such statements 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.

28. No loan shall be made by the said Bank on the pledge of its own stock.

29. 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 said Corporation, shall, either during the Session or prorogation of the General Assembly, have free access to all the books and vaults of the same.

30. Any number of stockholders not less than twelve, who together shall be proprietors of four hundred shares, shall have power at any time by themselves or their proxies to call a general meeting of the stockholders, for purposes relating to the business of the said Corporation, giving at least thirty days previous notice in two of the newspapers published in the Province, and specifying in such notice the time and place of such meeting, with the objects thereof; and the Directors, or any five of them, shall have like power at any time, upon observing the like formalities, to call a general meeting as aforesaid.

31. On any dissolution of the said Corporation, immediate and effectual measures shall be taken by the Directors then in office 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 interests; and in case any bills issued by the said Corporation shall remain unpaid, the holders of stock in said Corporation, as well as those who were stockholders at the time of the notice of said dissolution, (which said notice shall be given by publication in the Royal Gazette twelve months previous to the said Corporation being allowed to carry the same into effect,) shall be chargeable in their private and individual capacity for the payment and redemption thereof, in proportion to the stock they respectively held or hold, subject however to the proviso mentioned in the nineteenth

Section of this Act; provided however, that this liability shall continue for two years only from and after the notice of such dissolution.

32. The aggregate of all the debts due from the Directors of the said Bank, as principals, endorsers, or sureties, shall not at any time exceed thirty three and one-third per centum of the capital stock.

33. The President of the said Bank shall semi-annually, that is to say, on the last Wednesday in February and the last Wednesday in August in each and every year, make a return in triplicate of the state of the said Bank as it existed at three o'clock in the afternoon of the said days respectively, and shall forthwith transmit the same to the Office of the Secretary of the Province; which return shall specify the amount due from the Bank, designating in distinct columns the several particulars included therein; and the said return shall be made in the following form:—

FORM OF RETURN.

State of the Merchants Bank of New Brunswick on the
day of 18 , 3 o'clock, P. M.

Bills in circulation,	...	...	...	...	\$
Net profits on hand,	...	...	...	...
Balance due to other Banks,	...	...	...	...
Cash deposited, including all sums whatever due from the Bank not bearing interest, its Bills in circulation, Profits, and balances due to other Banks, excepted,	...	...	...	...
Cash deposited bearing interest,	...	...	...	...

Total amount due from the Bank, ... \$

RESOURCES OF BANK.

Gold, Silver, and other coined metals, in its Banking House,	...	...	...	...
Real Estate,	...	...	...	...
Bills of other Banks incorporated in this Province,	...	...	...	...
Balance due from other Banks,	...	...	...	...
Amount of all Debts due, including Notes, Bills of Exchange, and all Stock and Funded Debts of every description, except the Balances due from other Banks,	...	...	...	...

Total amount of the resources of the Bank, \$

Date and amount of the last Dividend, and when declared,	...	...	...	...
Amount of reserved profits at the time of declaring the last Dividend,	...	...	...	...
Amount of Debts due and not paid and considered doubtful,	...	...	...	...

Which return shall be signed by the President of said Bank, who shall make oath or affirmation before some Magistrate qualified to administer oaths, to the truth of said returns, according to the best of his knowledge and belief; and the President of the said Bank shall also make return under oath, whenever required by the Legislature, of the names of the stockholders, and the amount of stock owned by each; and a majority of the Directors of said Bank shall certify and make oath or affirmation before the same Magistrate as the said President, that the books of the said Bank indicate the state of facts so returned by their President, 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, as soon after the opening of any Session thereof as practicable, one of such respective returns as he may have received since the then last previous Session.