

signed and verified by the affidavit of the Chairman, and be countersigned by the Secretary; and such certificate shall be acknowledged by the Chairman, and filed as required by the first section of this Act, and when so filed the capital stock of such Company shall be increased or diminished to the amount specified in such certificate.

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Company not to combine with or hold stock of others, unless, &c.

XX. No such Company shall combine with any other Company formed under this Act for any other purpose, or shall purchase, own, hold or be interested in any stock or property of any other such Company, unless the same shall have been *bonâ fide* pledged, hypothecated or transferred to such Company by way of security for, or in satisfaction or part satisfaction of a debt or debts previously contracted in the course of the transaction of the business of such Company, or unless the same shall be purchased by such Company.

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Lists of Stockholders to be kept, open to stockholders, creditors, &c.

XXI. It shall be the duty of the Directors of every such Company to cause a book kept by the Treasurer or Secretary thereof, containing the names of all persons alphabetically arranged, who are, or shall within six years have been Stockholders of such Company, and showing their places of residence, the number of shares of stock held by them respectively, and the time when they respectively became the owners of such shares, and the amount of stock actually paid in, which book shall during the usual business hours of the day, on every day except Sundays, *the fourth day of July*, the twenty-fifth day of December, and the first day of January, be open for the inspection of Stockholders and creditors of the Company and their personal representatives, at the principal office of such Company; and any and every such Stockholder, creditor or representative shall have a right to make extracts from such book. Every officer or agent of such Company whose duty it shall be to keep such book, who shall neglect any proper entry in such book, shall refuse or neglect to exhibit the same, or allow the same to be inspected, or extracts to be taken therefrom as provided by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and the Company shall forfeit and pay to the party injured a penalty of fifty dollars for every such neglect or refusal, and all damages resulting therefrom; and every Company that shall neglect to keep such book open for inspection as aforesaid shall forfeit to the Municipality in which the principal office of such Company is held the sum of fifty dollars for every day it shall be so neglected, to be sued for and recovered in the name of the Municipality by the County Attorney of the County in which the principal office for the transaction of the business of such Company shall be located, and when recovered the amount shall be paid into the treasury of said Municipality for the use thereof.

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Penalty for neglect, &c.

Forfeiture to Municipality.

Annual Report to the Legislature.

XXII. Every Corporation formed under this Act shall make the annual report to the Provincial Secretary of the operations of the year ending December fifteenth, to be laid before Parliament within fifteen days after the opening of each Session, which report shall be verified by the oaths of the Treasurer or President, and filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary by the fifteenth day of January in each year, and shall state:—

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1. The amount of capital by charter.
2. The amount of Stock subscribed.
3. The amount of Stock paid in.
4. The amount of Stock paid at the time of reporting.