

be remaining, together with an account of all and every the various sums of money received and expended by or on account of the said Society since the publication of the preceding periodical statement; and every such periodical statement shall be attested by two or more members of the said Society appointed Auditors for that purpose, who shall not be Directors, and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or Clerk of the said Society, and every member shall be entitled to receive from the said Society a copy of such periodical statement without charge.

Interpretation
clause.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the words "Lower Canada" in this Act shall be understood to mean that part of the Province which formerly constituted the Province of Lower Canada; and the word "Society" shall be understood to include and to mean Building Societies and Institutions established under the provisions and authority of this Act; the word "Rules" to include Rules, Orders, By-Laws and Regulations; every word importing the singular number shall extend and be applied to several persons or things as well as one person or thing, and bodies corporate as well as individuals; and every word importing the plural number shall extend and be applied to one person or thing as well as several persons or things; and every word importing the masculine gender only, shall extend and be applied to a female as well as a male; the words "Real Estate" shall extend and apply to immovable estate and property generally: and the word "Securities" shall extend and apply to privileges, mortgages (equitable as well as legal,) *hypothèques* and incumbrances upon real and immovable estate, as well as to other rights and privileges upon personal estate and property: That this Act shall extend to aliens, denizens and females, both to make them subject thereto and to entitle them to all the benefits given thereby; and that this Act shall be construed in the most beneficial manner for promoting the ends thereby intended.