

76. *Vacancies—How to be filled up*—A vacancy in the number of directors arising from any such disqualification as aforesaid, or the removal of any director whose place is not filled up by the meeting by which he is removed, or the death, resignation, incapacity for acting, or refusal to act, of any Director, shall be filled up with some qualified person, as the society may direct and subject thereto; (1) If it arises in the interval between two ordinary business meetings, by the remaining members of the board of directors, or if not so filled, by the next meeting; (2) If it arises at any such meeting, by the meeting, and in the last case any Director who may resign shall be immediately re-eligible. Every person so appointed, or elected by the meeting, to fill any vacancy shall be substituted for the member who has caused the vacancy, and shall retire from office at the time when such member would have retired.

77. *General Powers of the Board of Directors*.—The directors shall control all business carried on by or on account of the society, receive and give receipts for all moneys due to it, determine all purchases or sales, and the prices to be paid or charged for the same, and make all contracts entered into by or on behalf of the society for any of the objects for which it is formed, including all purchases and contracts relating to land, excepting such (if any) as the society may direct to be subject to the approval or authorisation of a general meeting, and if the society has any land, building, or mortgage rules subject to these; and all such contracts shall be signed and attested as they direct from time to time. They may, from time to time, engage, remove, or discharge all managers, salesmen, or employees of any description required to conduct any such business, and fix their duties, salaries, or any other remuneration, at such rates, and require them to give such security, either in the forms hereinafter contained, or in such other forms approved of by them, as they determine. They shall decide on the evidence to be produced for establishing the claim of any nominee, executor, administrator, or official trustee to any share in the society; and may institute, prosecute, compromise, or refer to arbitration any suit, debt, liability, or claim against, by, to, or on the society; and in any case for which