

as aforesaid, described in this Act, must have a certificate from some regular Physician, stating that his patient is unable on account of his health to attend, which shall be considered by said Justice as sufficient excuse. In case of any of the three heretofore mentioned Umpires, all, or part of them fail to appear upon the day and hour as mentioned aforesaid, and shall have not sent any excuse, nor paid attention to the legal call of their neighbour, then it shall be the duty of said person or persons so notifying the said Umpires as aforesaid, to enter complaint before some one or more Justice of the Peace, who, after hearing the complaint, as above, and thinking it sufficient to summon one or all of the aforesaid Umpires before him, to answer the charge; and in case the said Justice thinks the complaint sustained, it shall be the duty of the said Justice to enter Judgment with costs against all or any of them, of five dollars to each person, with immediate execution, in case said fine with costs are not paid to be levied upon their goods and chattels. After the said person or persons so acting, have completed the taking of said Stock, it shall be their duty, each and every of them, to appear before some Justice of the Peace and make oath as to the correctness, in their opinion, of said Invoice there exhibited as a true and correct account of the Stock that they have been employed to take and signed by them, with the name of the owner affixed to said Invoice, which shall also be upon oath, and each and every page initialed and numbered at the bringing forward of the several footings, and end of each column, which shall also be certified by said Justice, and initialed by him as above described, and filed by him in the Office of the Commercial Registry for the Municipality where the person or persons may reside, having said Stock so taken for the information of the public.

20. That immediately after the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of all persons now doing any business on credit with their fellow men to close their present books of account, with a view to know what their real position is, and a final settlement of their estate up to this time, and it shall also be their duty to open a new set of Books, which shall only contain transactions and intermissions of trade, after the passing of this Act; but they may carry forward to the credit of their former creditors any monies or assets that they may realize from their old estate. All and each creditor may file in the Office of the Commercial Registrar their present debts, but they can only have a lien upon the assets of the old estate, or so much thereof as may be realized from their former estate, and any profits that might be made from the new, after paying all the new debts. In case of a default being made upon any bill growing out of any transaction connected with the old estate, and protest is entered in the Commercial Registry Office as mentioned aforesaid, such registration will only attach any chattel assets belonging to the old estate, and whatever profits may have been earned above all debts of the new; and in case the creditors of the old estate proceed to declare according to this Act, the defaulter a permanent one, then, and in that case, they can only have a *pro rata* share of the assets arising from the old estate.

21. That, after the passing of this Act, any person or persons, body corporate or individual, who may file any paper or papers in said Commercial Registry Office, or causing or procuring others to do so, or any person or persons being hired to do so, that is false in the allegations contained on the face of it, and calculated, in its nature and purport, to deceive or defraud any person or persons or any parties, either as principal or employee, in filing any bill, note, invoice, or account, contract, or any other paper, knowing it to be false in any particular or item, and upon conviction thereof, before any Court of competent jurisdiction, shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanour, and subject himself thereby to a fine or imprisonment.