

ness, together with particulars of any negotiable paper on which his name appears, the holders of which are unknown to him ; the whole under oath.

Duty of Judge in such case. 17. Upon the schedule of the estate and the list of creditors being furnished by the debtor, sworn to as aforesaid, the Judge instead of ordering a meeting of creditors to be called for the appointment of an official assignee, shall order a meeting of creditors to be called by advertisement, for the purpose of taking into consideration the prayer of such petition, and at such meeting shall take and record by a writing under his hand the opinion of the creditors thereon.

Postponement of meeting. 18. The Judge shall postpone the meeting so called if it appears that the creditors have not been properly and reasonably notified, or that important omissions have been made in the creditors' list.

Judge to preside at meeting. 19. The Judge shall preside at such meeting of creditors, and the question which they shall decide shall be, " Shall the debtor be proceeded against under this Act or not ? " And if the decision of the majority in number and three-fourths in value of the creditors for sums above \$100, present or represented, be in the negative, it shall be in force for three calendar months thereafter, during which time no other proceedings in insolvency shall be commenced against the debtor, based upon any act or omission of his which took place previous to the institution of the proceedings so stayed by the decision of the creditors.

Proceedings on decision meeting. 20. If the decision at such meeting be not in the negative the Judge shall at once proceed thereat to take the advice of the creditors as to the appointment of an official assignee and shall appoint such assignee as hereinbefore provided.

In case of question as to amount of any creditor's claim. 21. If any question arises at such meeting respecting the amount of any creditor's claim, it shall be decided by the Judge upon a hearing of the parties, and from an inspection of the schedules and list so sworn to by the debtor, and of the statements of the debtor's affairs prepared and produced at such meeting by the guardian, or person intrusted with the writ of attachment.

Effect of appointment of official assignee. 22. Upon the appointment of the official assignee, the guardian shall deliver the estate and effects attached, to the official assignee ; and by the effect of his appointment, the whole of the estate and effects of the insolvent, as existing at the date of the issue of the writ, and which may accrue to him by any title whatsoever, up to the time of his discharge under this Act, and whether seized or not seized under the writ of attachment, shall vest in the said official assignee, in the same manner and to the same extent, and with the same exceptions as if a voluntary assignment of the estate of the insolvent had been at that date executed in his favor by the insolvent.

Registration of appointment, and its effect. 23. An authentic copy or exemplification, under the hand of the proper officer of the Court, of the order of the Judge appointing an official assignee, may be registered at full length in any registry office, without any proof of the signature of the officer and without any memorial ; and such registration shall have the same effect as to the real estate of the insolvent and in all other respects, as the registration of a deed of assignment under this Act.

Notice of appointment. 24. Immediately upon his appointment, the official assignee shall give notice thereof by advertisement (form K) ; requiring by such notice all creditors of the insolvent to produce before him their claims, and the vouchers in support thereof.

OF ASSIGNEES.

Boards of Trade may name official assignees. 5. The Board of Trade at any place, or the Council thereof, may name any number of persons within the County or District in which such Board of Trade exists, or within any County or District adjacent