

and any and every such Stockholder, Creditor or Representative, shall have a right to make extracts from such book ; and no transfer of stock shall be valid for any purpose whatever, except to render the person to whom it shall be transferred liable for the debts of the Company according to the provisions of this Act, until it shall have been entered therein as required by this section by an entry showing to and from whom such stock shall have been transferred.

10 XXI. And be it enacted, That such book shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated in favour of the Plaintiff in any suit or proceeding against such Company or against any one or more Stockholders ; and that every Officer or Agent of any such Company who shall refuse or neglect to make any proper entry in such book, or to exhibit the same or allow the same to be inspected and extracts to be taken therefrom as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be punished accordingly ; and every Company that shall neglect to keep such book open for inspection as aforesaid, shall forfeit the corporate rights, character and privileges acquired by it in pursuance of this Act.

Such book to be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated.

25 XXII. And be it enacted, That the word " Company," wherever it occurs in this Act, shall be construed to mean a Joint Stock Company incorporated by registration under the provisions of this Act ; and all words importing the singular number or the masculine gender only, shall be construed to extend to the plural number, and to females as well as males, unless there be something in the context inconsistent with such construction.

Interpretation of certain words.

35 XXIII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this or any other Session of the Parliament of this Province ; but such amendment or repeal shall not, nor shall the consequent dissolution of any Corporation formed or created under this Act take away or impair any remedy given against any such Corporation, its Stockholders or officers for any liability which shall have been previously incurred.

Power to repeal or amend act reserved.