XVIII. Whenever the said Corporation shall be notified of any loss sus- Amount lost tained or incurred on any policy of Insurance granted or issued by the on any policy same, it shall be the duty of the said Corporation to pay the amount so lost within three or incurred within three calendar months next after satisfactory proof to calendar 5 the Board shall have been produced, provided there shall have been no months. violation of the conditions of the policy or contract on the part of the assured.

XIX. All the By-laws, Rules, Regulations, and Ordinances enacted by By-laws to be the Directors for the proper conduct and management of the said Company open for inspection of shall be entered by the Secretary in a Book to be kept for that purpose, stockholders. which Book shall be open at all times for the inspection of the Stockholders and assured parties, and all Regulations from time to time adopted and in force shall be binding on all parties in any wise interested, all of whom shall be deemed to have taken full notice thereof by such entry 15 aforesaid; the entry of such regulations aforesaid, or a copy thereof certified by the President and Secretary of the said Company, shall be received as primá facie evidence of such rules and regulations respectively in all cases.

XX. It shall be the duty of the Directors to prepare or cause to be pre- Annual state-20 pared annually a full and correct statement of the accounts of the said ments of af-Company, the receipts and expenditures of the past year, the amount of fairs to be pre-Insurances effected during the previous year, the amount covered by Policies in force, together with a general abstract of the estimated assets and liabilities of the Company, a copy of which statement, under the hand of 25 the President and countersigned by the managing Director or Secretary, shall be laid before the shareholders at their next meeting and addressed to each of them respectively, and to the several branches of the Legislature.

XXI. In this Act the following words and expressions shall have the Interpretation. 30 several meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the subject, or context repugnant to the construction, that is to say: " the expression the Company" shall mean the "National Assurance Company of Canada," in this Act mentioned and described: The words "the Directors," "President," "Managing Director," and "Secretary," shall 35 mean the Directors, President, Managing Director, and Secretary respectively for the time being.

XXII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall be construed Public Act. favorably for every beneficial purpose.