cessors, shall be held to be sufficient, and sufficiently proved by the signature or signatures of the principal officer of the office or department, or the signature of the Inspector General of Public Accounts when the security is for or on behalf of such principal officer himself subscribed under the word 'accepted,' on the face of or endorsed upon the bond or policy, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Evidence in cases of forfeiture of such policies.

XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the principal officer of the office or department in which any such bond or policy shall be taken or accepted as aforesaid, and the Inspector General of Public Accounts for the time being, by certificate under their respective hands to declare that the public revenue has been, and to what extent damnified; or to state the amount of the loss occasioned by any act done, or any payment or duty omitted, in contravention of the duty or purpose for the due performance of which such bond or policy shall have been taken and accepted; and such certificate shall be taken and accepted as aforesaid, and shall be final and conclusive evidence in every action, suit or other proceeding, of the truth of the contents of such certificate, and that the said bond or policy has become forfeited thereby, to the amount of the loss stated in the said certificate; and thereupon such amount shall be recovered together with the costs of such action, suit, or other proceeding, to and for the use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors: Provided always, that when the principal officer himself shall be the defaulter, the certificate of the Inspector-General of Accounts alone shall be sufficient.

Proviso.

The like guarantee may be taken in lieu of any security required from any Officer of Banks, Savings Banks, &c., and others.

XV. And be it enacted, That for or in addition to the bonds or securities entered into and given, or to be entered into and given by any, and the sureties of any Manager, Treasurer, Actuary, Cashier, Clerk, or other person of or in the employ of any Bank, Savings' Bank, Friendly Society, Loan Society, Benefit Society, or Charitable or other Society, under or by virtue of any Act of the Parliament of this Province, or of any constitution, by-law, rule, or regulation of or relating to the said several Banks and Societies, or to any or either of them, the guarantees and bonds or policies of the Company hereby incorporated may be substituted or taken and accepted; and thereupon the provisions in any such act, or in any such constitution, by-law, rule, or regulation, in relation to such bonds and securities, shall, in so far as the same may be practicable, become and be applicable to the guarantees and bonds or policies of the Company substituted or taken and accepted in lieu thereof; and the acceptance by any such Bank, Savings' Bank, Friendly Society, Loan Society, Benefit Building Society, Charitable or other Society, of every such guar-