

XXVI. At the time in the said commission appointed, a meeting First meet'g.
of the creditors of the said bankrupt shall be held in the Court of
Bankruptcy, at which meeting the bankrupt shall attend, and then and
there produce and deliver into Court, in duplicate, a Schedule contain-
5 ing a true and full account of all his creditors, with the place of resi-
dence of each creditor if known to him, and the sum due to each ;
and the said Schedule shall also set forth the nature of each debt,
whether founded on written security, on account or otherwise, and also
the true cause or consideration thereof, and a statement of any existing
10 mortgage, hypothec, pledge or other collateral security for the payment
of the same, together with such further information relating to his
estate as the Court shall require, and shall submit himself to be
examined from time to time, upon oath, either orally or by written
deposition ; and the Court shall receive proof of the debts due to the
15 creditors of such bankrupt, who shall be present, or shall be repre-
sented by a person duly authorised to act for such creditor, and shall
allow all the debts which shall be duly proved, and cause a list thereof
to be made, which shall be certified by the Judge of the Court, and
fyled and recorded with the other papers in the case ; and the creditors
20 so present as aforesaid, who shall have proved their debts, and the
persons duly authorised to act for any creditors in such behalf, shall
then proceed before the Court to choose one or more creditors assignee
or assignees to the estate of the bankrupt, such choice to be made by
the greater part in value of the creditors, according to the debts then
25 proved : Provided always, that the Court may, in its discretion, require
further proof, on oath, of any debt claimed before it, and may examine
the party claiming the same, or the agent who shall present the same
on his behalf, and also the bankrupt, on their respective oaths, on all
matters relating to such claim.

Choice of
creditor's
assignee.

Court may re-
quire further
proof.

30 XXVII. In case no choice of creditors, assignee or assignees shall be
made by the creditors at the said first meeting, the Court shall appoint
one or more creditors or assignees ; and if any assignee so chosen or
appointed shall not, within six days after notice thereof, signify his
acceptance, in writing, and deliver it into Court, then his election or
35 appointment shall be considered void, and the Court shall from time
to time proceed to appoint, until the acceptance is duly signified.

Failure to
choose credi-
tors' assignee.

XXVIII. As soon as such acceptance shall be signified to the Court
as aforesaid, the Court shall, by an instrument under its seal and
signed by the Clerk of such Court, declare the choice or appointment
40 of such creditors' assignees and their acceptance ; and the said instru-
ment shall be executed in duplicate, one of which shall be fyled in
Court, and the other shall be delivered to the assignees, and either of
such duplicates shall be received in all the Courts of Justice in this
Province, as authentic and as *prima facie* evidence of the truth of the
45 contents thereof.

Assignee ac-
cepting to be
appointed by
any instal-
ment.

XXIX. The Court shall appoint a second general meeting of the said Second meet-
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creditors to be held at such time, not more than three months after the
date of the commission as the Court shall think fit, regard being had
to the distance at which the creditors or any of them reside, at which
50 meeting any creditors who have not before proved their debts shall be
allowed to prove the same, which shall be allowed and a list thereof
made, certified and fyled in like manner as is provided in respect of