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An innovation created by the present Act is found in subsection 4 of section 28, which provides that a record shall be kept of the attendance at each meeting of directors, and that a summary thereof prepared so as to show the total number of directors' meetings held, and the number attended by each director, shall be sent to each shareholder with the notice of the annual meeting. A special provision is inserted permitting such summary to state the nature and extent of such services rendered by any director, who by reason of residing at a point remote from the chief office of the bank, has been unable to attend meetings of the directors.

(c) Appointment of officers, clerks and servants

Section 30 has been modified by adding to the provision which gives to the directors power to appoint officers clerks and servants, a provision permitting them to authorize any officer of the bank to make such of these appointments as they may deem expedient. This addition speaks for itself and has probably been made in order that the Act should correspond to the practice which has been adopted heretofore.

(d) Declaration of dividends.

Section 59 of the old Act reads as follows:-

"No division of profits, either by way of dividends or bonus, or both combined, or in any other way, exceeding the rate of eight per cent per annum, shall be made by the bank, unless, after making the same, the bank has a rest or reserve fund equal to at least thirty per cent of its paid-up capital after deducting all bad and doubtful debts."

The words underlined have been replaced in the new Act by the words,- "after providing all the appropriations necessary for ascertained and estimated losses."

The new Act has added to section 59 a second subsection which provides that the directors who knowingly and wilfully concur in any division of profits exceeding eight