ever. Such court may, from time to time, and whenever deemed advisable, appoint suitable persons to investigate the affairs and management of said corporation, who shall report to such court the manner in which such investments are made, and the security offered to those by and for whom its engagements are held, and the expenses of such investigation shall be defrayed by said corporation; or the court may, if deemed necessary, examine the officers of said corporation, under oath or affirmation in regard to the management of its affairs, and as to the security aforesaid, and in case of the dissolution of said corporation, the debts due from the corporation as receiver, trustee, assignee, executor, administrator, guardian or committee, or depository of money, under order of court, shall have preference in the distribution of assets of said corporation.

Right to consolidate with other corporations.

Sec. 19. *And be it enacted,* That the corporation hereby incorporated shall have the right and power at any time to unite or consolidate with any other corporation or corporations which may be incorporated for any one or more of the purposes set forth in this Act, or which may be authorized to exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the corporation hereby incorporated, whether such corporation or corporations shall have been heretofore or shall be hereafter incorporated by virtue of or by the General Laws of this State, or any special law or Act. And any such corporation or corporations with which the corporation hereby incorporated is by this Act authorized to unite or consolidate, are hereby equally authorized to unite and consolidate with the corporation by this Act incorporated. The power to consolidate conferred by this Act shall include the power to fix the terms of such consolidation, the place or places for doing business, the amount and character of the capital stock of the corporation formed by such consolidation not exceeding in amount the aggregate authorized capital of the constituent corporations, the shares of stock and consideration to be issued or paid to the stockholders of the constituent corporations, the name of the consolidated corporation, which may be the name of the corporation hereby incorporated or some other name, and to do all other acts, matters and things necessary or proper to be done to carry out such consolidation. The powers to unite or consolidate by this Act conferred on the corporation hereby incorporated, and on the corporations therein referred to, shall be exercised by said corporations respectively when authorized at any general or special meeting of stockholders by the majority in interest of the stockholders of each corporation so uniting or

Majority of stockholders to decide.