

filed within a certain time. occasioned either directly or indirectly to any such land or other property by the construction, maintenance, or management of any such public work, and no claim arising out of or connected with the execution of any contract or agreement for the performance of any such public work or of any part thereof, shall be entertained by the Arbitrators appointed or to be appointed under the first hereinbefore recited Act, unless such claims and the particulars thereof shall have been filed at the office of the said Commissioners, within six calendar months next after the loss or injury complained of, when such claim shall relate to the taking of or damage occasioned to land or other property; and when such claim relates to or is alleged to arise out of the execution or fulfilment of any contract or agreement for the construction of any public work, unless the same shall have been filed at the said office, within three calendar months next after the date of the final estimate made under such contract; Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Arbitrators from entertaining, investigating or awarding upon any claims filed within the delay allowed by any former Act.

Proviso.

Arbitration within a certain time, and at a time and place to be fixed by the Commissioners.

III. And be it enacted, That whenever the said Commissioners cannot effect an amicable settlement of any such claim, they shall refer the same to the said Arbitrators within sixty days from the filing thereof, and the said Arbitrators shall proceed to investigate and make their award thereon, at such time and place as the Commissioners shall appoint.

Rules to be observed by the Arbitrators in estimating the value of lands taken, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Arbitrators in estimating and awarding the amount of damages to be paid by the said Commissioners to any claimant for injury done to any land or real property, and in estimating the value of lands taken by the said Commissioners under this or any former Act, they shall not only take into consideration the advantages which may have accrued or are likely to accrue to such land or real property by reason of the work or works, in the construction or maintenance of which such injury shall have been occasioned, but shall also estimate or assess such land or real property in accordance with the value thereof at the time when the injury complained of was occasioned, and not according to the value of the adjoining lands at the time of making their award.

Arbitrators to be bound by the stipulations of any contract.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Arbitrators in investigating and awarding upon any claim arising out of any contract in writing, shall be bound to decide in accordance with the conditions and stipulations contained in such contract, and the said Arbitrators shall not in any case have power to award compensation to any claimant on account of his having expended larger sums of money in the performance of any work than the sum