

authority of such officers and the jurisdiction of the local courts shall extend over such immigrant stations.

APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND PROCEDURE OF BOARDS OF INQUIRY.

13. The Minister may appoint three or more officers, of whom the immigration officer in charge shall be one, at any port of entry, to act as a permanent Board of Inquiry for the summary determination of all cases of immigrants or passengers seeking to enter Canada or detained for any cause under this Act.

Appointment of Boards of Inquiry.

14. Such Boards of Inquiry shall have authority to determine whether an immigrant, passenger or other person seeking to enter Canada or detained for any cause under this Act, shall be allowed to enter or remain in Canada, or shall be rejected and deported.

Authority of Boards.

15. The hearing of all cases brought before such Board of Inquiry shall be separate and apart from the public, but in the presence of the immigrant, passenger or other person concerned whenever practicable, and such immigrant, passenger or other person shall have the right to be represented by counsel whenever any evidence or testimony touching the case is received by the Board, and a summary record of proceedings and of evidence and testimony taken shall be kept by the Board.

Hearing of cases by Board.

2. The Board, and any member thereof, may, at discretion, administer oaths and take evidence under oath or by affirmation in any form which they deem binding upon the person being examined.

Taking of evidence.

16. In all such cases, such Board of Inquiry may at the hearing, receive and base its decision upon any evidence, considered credible or trustworthy by such Board in the circumstances of each case; and in all cases where the question of the right to enter Canada under this Act is raised the burden of proof shall rest upon the immigrant, passenger or other person claiming such right.

All evidence to be received.

17. The Board of Inquiry shall appoint its own chairman and secretary to keep the record of its proceedings, and in all cases and questions before it the decision, which decision shall be in writing, of a majority of the Board shall prevail.

Decision of majority to prevail.

18. There shall be no appeal from the decision of such Board of Inquiry as to the rejection and deportation of immigrants, passengers or other persons seeking to land in Canada, when such decision is based upon a certificate of the examining medical officer to the effect that such immigrants, passengers or other persons are afflicted with any loathsome disease, or

Cases where no appeal allowed from Board.