

Assent of municipal council or Railway Committee.

(2) No such agreement shall be acted upon in any municipality affected thereby until the assent of the municipal council of the said municipality shall have been obtained thereto, or until an order has been made by the Railway Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Application to Railway Committee where municipality refuses assent.

(3) If any municipality affected by such agreement shall refuse to assent thereto, an application may be made by either party to the Railway Committee for leave to act upon the agreement, notwithstanding the want of such assent, and upon such application being made the Railway Committee may appoint a date for the hearing of the application and notice shall be sent by post to the parties to the said agreement and to the non-assenting municipality.

Objections to be stated and filed.

(4) The Railway Committee in fixing a day or at any time thereafter may require the non-assenting municipality to specify its objections to the said agreement in writing and file a copy of such objections with the Secretary of the Railway Committee, and to serve a copy thereof upon the parties to the said agreement.

Inquiry and report for information of Committee.

(5) The Railway Committee may appoint or direct any person to make an inquiry or report upon any such agreement, or any other matter or thing connected therewith or incident to the objections raised by any non-assenting municipality.

Powers of Committee as to inquiry and report.

(6) The Railway Committee and any person appointed to make any inquiry and report may:—

- (a) Enter into and inspect any places and buildings, being the property of or under the control of either company, the entry or inspection of which may be necessary to it or him requisite.
- (b) Inspect any works, motors, cars, carriages or other property of either company.
- (c) Require the attendance of all such persons as it or he thinks fit to call before it or him, and examine or require answers or returns to such inquiry as it or he thinks fit to make.
- (d) Require the production of books, papers, plans, specifications, proofs and documents relating to the matters before it or him.

Witnesses and evidence before committee.

(7) The Railway Committee shall have the same power to enforce the attendance of witnesses and to compel them to give evidence and produce books, papers or things which they are required to produce as is vested in the High Court of Justice.

Witness fees.

(8) Every witness shall be entitled to receive the same fees and allowances as if summoned to attend before the High Court of Justice.

Matters to be decided on application.

(9) The Railway Committee shall have power to determine all questions arising upon the application of any electric railway company, including: