

*an investigation*

~~39.~~ Any party to a ~~reference~~ may be represented before the Board by three or less than three persons designated for the purpose, or by counsel or solicitor where allowed as hereinafter provided.

~~40.~~ Every party appearing by a representative shall be bound by the acts of such representative. *investigation*

~~41.~~ No counsel or solicitor shall be entitled to appear or be heard before the Board, except with the consent of the parties to the ~~dispute~~, and notwithstanding such consent the Board may decline to allow counsel or solicitors to appear.

~~42.~~ Persons other than British subjects shall not be allowed to act as members of a Board.

~~43.~~ If, without good cause shown, any party to proceedings before the Board fails to attend or to be represented, the Board may proceed as if he had duly attended or had been represented.

~~44.~~ The sittings of the Board shall be held at such time and place as are from time to time fixed by the chairman, after consultation with the other members of the Board, and the parties shall be notified by the chairman as to the time and place at which sittings are to be held: Provided that, so far as practicable, the Board shall sit in the locality within which the subject-matter of the proceeding before it arose.

~~45.~~ The proceedings of the Board shall be conducted in public; ~~provided that at any such proceedings before the Board, on its own motion, or on the application of any of the parties, may direct that the proceedings shall be conducted in private and that all persons other than the parties, their representatives, the officers of the Board and the witnesses under examination shall withdraw.~~

~~46.~~ The decision of a majority of the members present at a sitting of the Board shall be the decision of the Board, and the findings and recommendations of the majority of its members shall be those of the Board.

~~47.~~ The presence of the chairman and at least one other member of the Board shall be necessary to constitute a sitting of the Board.

~~48.~~ In case of the absence of any one member from a meeting of the Board the other two members shall not proceed, unless it is shown that the third member has been notified of the meeting in ample time to admit of his attendance.

2. If any member of a Board dies, or becomes incapacitated, or refuses or neglects to act, his successor shall be appointed in the manner provided with respect to the original member of the Board.

~~49.~~ The Board may at any time dismiss any matter referred to it which it thinks frivolous or trivial.

~~50.~~ The Board may, with the consent of the Minister, employ competent experts or assessors to examine ~~the~~ books or official reports ~~of either party~~, and to advise it upon any technical or other matter material to the investigation, but shall not disclose such reports or the results of such inspection or examination under this section without the consent of both the parties, *to the investigation*  
~~to the dispute.~~