

before an officer or person designated by the commission or agreed upon by the parties by stipulation in writing to be filed with the commission.

7. Witnesses whose depositions are taken pursuant to this Act, and the magistrate or other officer taking the same shall severally be entitled to the same fees as are paid for for like services in the county court or superior court. 5

Proceedings  
where com-  
plaint against  
carrier.

16. Any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any mercantile, agricultural, or manufacturing society, complaining of anything done or omitted to be done by any carrier in contravention of the provisions of this Act, may apply to the commission by petition, which shall briefly state the facts; whereupon a statement of the charges thus made shall be forwarded by the commission to such carrier, who shall be called upon to satisfy the complaint or to answer it in writing within a reasonable time, to be specified by the commission. If such carrier, within the time specified, makes reparation for the injury alleged to have been done, the carrier shall be relieved from liability to the complainant only for the particular violation of law thus complained of. If the carrier does not satisfy the complaint within the time specified, or there appears to be any reasonable ground for investigating the complaint, it shall be the duty of the commission on to investigate the matter complained of in such manner and by such means as it deems proper. 10 15 20 25

2. The commission shall in like manner investigate any complaint forwarded by the railway commissioner or railway commission of any province at the request of such commissioner or commission, and may institute any inquiry of its own motion in the same manner and to the same effect as though complaint had been made. 30

3. No complaint shall be dismissed because of the absence of direct damage to the complainant.

Report of  
commission.

17. Whenever an investigation is made by the commission it shall be its duty to make a report in writing with respect thereto, which report shall include the findings of facts upon which the conclusions of the commission are based, together with its recommendation as to what reparation, if any, should be made by the carrier to any party found to have been injured; and such findings so made shall thereafter, in all judicial proceedings, be deemed *prima facie* evidence as to each and every fact found. 35 40

2. All reports of investigations made by the commission shall be entered of record, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the party who complained, and to any carrier complained of. 45

3. The commission may provide for the publication of its reports and decisions in such form and manner as it deems best adapted for public information and use, and such authorized publications shall be evidence of the reports and decisions of the commission therein contained, in all courts of Canada and of the several provinces without any further proof or authentication thereof. The commission may also cause to be printed for early distribution its annual report. 50

Notice to  
carrier.

18. If in any case in which an investigation is made by the commission it is made to appear to the satisfaction of 55