

4. The Governor in Council shall appoint a Registrar of Boards of Investigation, who shall have the powers and perform the duties prescribed.

The office of Registrar may be held either separately or in conjunction with any other office in the public service, and in the latter case the Registrar may, if the Governor in Council thinks fit, be appointed not by name, but by reference to such other office, whereupon the person who for the time being holds such office, or performs its duties, shall by virtue thereof be the Registrar.

Procedure for Reference to Boards.

Where six or more persons are of opinion that a combine exists, and that, in virtue of such combine prices have been enhanced or the supply of a community restricted to the detriment of consumers, such persons may make application to any judge of a Superior or High Court, for an order directing an investigation into such alleged combine. Upon such application being made and accompanied by affidavits or declarations in the form and manner prescribed, such persons shall be entitled, either individually or through a representative, to an ex parte hearing before such judge, to show cause why in the public interest an investigation should be had to establish whether such combine exists and whether in virtue of such combine, prices have been enhanced or supply restricted to the detriment of consumers.

Within thirty days after the receipt by a Judge of a Superior or High Court of an application accompanied by affidavits or declarations of six or more persons, in the form and manner prescribed, the Judge shall fix a time and place for hearing the