

as any business is before them, during the period occupied by the sittings of the County Court, and such additional period not exceeding five days, as the Commissioners or a majority of them may decide.

3. The Clerk of the County Court of each County in Manitoba shall be the Clerk of the said Commissioners. Clerk of Commissioners.

4. Every person claiming any lands within Manitoba, for which no patent has issued, as being entitled thereto,— Persons claiming unpatented lands, vizt.

1st. As grantee in freehold under a grant made by the Hudson's Bay Company up to the eighth day of March, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine ; Grantee in freehold H. B. Company.

2nd. As grantee of an estate less than freehold under a grant made by the Hudson's Bay Company up to the same date ; Grantees of estates less than freehold.

3rd. As entitled thereto by occupancy with the sanction, and under the license and authority of the Hudson's Bay Company up to the same day, of land in that part of the Province in which the Indian title has been extinguished ; Occupants under license.

4th. As having been in peaceable possession of a tract of land at the time of the transfer to Canada in those parts of the Province in which the Indian title has not been extinguished ; Occupants in peaceable possession.

or the heir, devisee or assignee of any such person, may bring his claim before the said Commissioners either personally or by his agent or attorney, and produce before the said Commissioners all such documents, proofs and evidence as he may have to advance in support of such claim ; and such evidence may be given *vivâ voce* before the said Commissioners or by written affidavits or affirmations sworn or affirmed before any one entitled to administer an oath or affirmation where the same is sworn or affirmed. Heirs or devisees. Mode of procedure.

5. All certificates of the Hudson's Bay Company or of any Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company or of the Clerk of the Executive Council of Manitoba, or copies certified by them respectively, of documents in their custody, shall be received in evidence before the said Commissioners. What shall be received in evidence.

6. The said Commissioners may summon before them, by summons under the hand of any one of them, either the claimant or any person interested in the case, or any other person whom they deem it expedient to examine as a witness, or whom they have reason to believe to be in possession of any document by the production of which the ends of justice may be better attained ; and may require such claimant or party, or such witness to submit to such oral examination upon oath, or to answer on oath and to sign his answers to interrogatories or cross interrogatories in writing, or to produce such books, papers or documents in his possession, as to the said Commissioners appear requisite. Who may be summoned as witnesses. Mode of examination.