

Powers under
Inquiries Act.

“59. The Pension Tribunal shall have all the powers of a Commissioner under Part I of the *Inquiries Act* and may exercise any discretion conferred by this Act upon the Commission.

Witnesses.

“60. The Pension Tribunal shall have power to direct the payment to witnesses called to give evidence before it, or to persons required by it to attend for medical examination, such allowances for travelling expenses and loss of time, at rates fixed by the rules of procedure, as, having regard to all the circumstances, it considers should be paid by the public. 5 10

Medical
examination.

“61. (1) The Pension Tribunal shall have power to direct the medical examination of any claimant, whose application is before it, by a specialist, physician or surgeon selected by him, and the account of such physician or surgeon for any such examination, and for his attendance before the tribunal to give evidence as to his findings thereon, shall be paid by the Department upon the certificate of a registrar of the tribunal, given under its direction, that the examination was authorized by the tribunal to be made and that the sums charged therefor and for attending to give evidence are proper and reasonable in amount. 15 20

Admission
to hospital.

(2) For the purpose of any such examination the Tribunal shall have power to direct the admission of a claimant into a hospital administered by the Department. 25

Disposal of
application
only after
full oppor-
tunity, etc.

“62. (1) No application shall be disposed of by the tribunal until after full opportunity to adduce evidence and to be heard at a public hearing has been afforded to all persons entitled to be heard, and so far as possible, the decision of the tribunal shall be given at such public hearing in the presence of all such persons. 30

Hearings
in private.

(2) At the request of the applicant, the tribunal may direct any application to be heard and its decision may be given in private if it considers that a public hearing might be disadvantageous to the applicant and that a hearing in private would not be contrary to the public interest. 35

Grounds of
division to
be given.

“63. At the time its decision is given, the Pension Tribunal shall indicate fully the grounds upon which its conclusions are based and, if the decision is not unanimous, the members of the tribunal who dissent and the grounds of their dissent shall be specified. 40

Notice to
Department.

“64. Notice of every decision of the tribunal shall be forthwith given by the registrar to the Department.