

Every vacancy in the membership of a Board shall be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original appointment of the member vacating his position.

Before entering upon the exercise of the functions of their office the members of a Board, including the chairman, shall make oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace that they will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of their office.

The Department may provide the Board with a secretary, stenographer, or such other clerical assistance as to the Minister appears necessary for the efficient carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

Functions, Powers and Procedure of Boards.

Upon the appointment of the Board the Registrar shall forward to the chairman a copy of the order for the appointment of such Board, and the Board shall forthwith proceed to deal with the matters referred to therein.

The Board shall expeditiously and carefully inquire into the matters referred to it and all matters affecting the merits thereof, including the question of whether or not the price or rental of the article or commodity concerned has been unreasonably enhanced in virtue of a combine, and shall make a full report thereon to the Minister, which report shall set forth the various proceedings and steps taken by the Board for the purpose of fully and carefully ascertaining all the facts and circumstances, and shall also set forth such facts and circumstances, and its findings

*or competition in the supply route*