

(3) A Conciliation Officer or a Mediator may fix the time and place of sittings and shall notify the parties as to the time and place so fixed."

17. Section 31 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Witnesses
and
documents.

"**31.** (1) A Conciliation Officer or a Mediator has the power of summoning before him any witnesses and of requiring them to give evidence on oath, or on solemn affirmation if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and orally or in writing, and to produce such documents and things as the Conciliation Officer or the Mediator deems requisite to the full investigation and consideration of the matters of reference, but the information so obtained from such documents shall not, except as the Minister deems expedient, be made public;

(2) A Conciliation Officer or a Mediator has the same power to enforce the attendance of witnesses and to compel them to give evidence as is vested in any court of record in civil cases;

(3) A Conciliation Officer or a Mediator may administer an oath and may receive and accept such evidence on oath, affidavit or otherwise as in his discretion he may deem fit and proper whether admissible in evidence in a court of law or not."

18. Section 32 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Entry and
inspection.

"**32.** A Conciliation Officer or a Mediator or any person who has been authorized for such purpose in writing by a Conciliation Officer or a Mediator may, without any warrant than this section, at any time, enter a building, ship, vessel, factory, workshop, place, or premises of any kind wherein work is being or has been done or commenced by employees or in which an employer carries on business or any matter or thing is taking place or has taken place, concerning the matters of reference, and may inspect and view any work, material, machinery, appliance or article therein, and interrogate any persons in or upon any such place, matter or thing hereinbefore mentioned; and no person shall hinder or obstruct the Conciliation Officer or the Mediator or any person authorized as aforesaid in the exercise of a power conferred by this section or refuse to answer an interrogation made as aforesaid."

19. Section 33 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Report to
Minister by
Conciliation
Officer.

"**33.** A Conciliation Officer shall, within thirty days after his appointment, or within such longer period as may be agreed upon by the parties, or as may from time to time be allowed by the Minister, make a report to the Minister setting out