

respective possession relating to the said examination, and for any recommendation and advice in respect of any claim to which the said examination relates which is being investigated by the Board.

Board may make personal examination and act thereon.

(3.) The Board may in the presence of the parties make any personal examination of any stream or part of a stream or any works, and the Board may act upon any such examination in determining rights and claims.

*Meetings of the Board.*

Notice calling for claims.

293. (1.) The Board shall, by advertisement in some local newspaper, give one month's notice of its intention to investigate claims to the water of any stream, giving all the names by which the stream has at any time been known, or specifying the locality as to claims within which the investigation will be held, and directing all persons having claims to water on such stream, or in such locality, on or before a certain date, to file their claims as herein provided.

Time and place of hearing.

(2.) The Board shall fix the time and place for hearing claims and determining rights to water on each and every stream, and shall give one month's notice in a local newspaper and the Gazette. Notice shall also be given by registered letter addressed to the last-known residence of each person who shall appear to the Board to be interested. In no case shall the form of the notice be called in question:

Service of notice.

Summary hearing.

(a.) Provided always that when holders of water rights request in writing the summary hearing of claims to water rights on a stream, the Board may fix the date of the hearing, and without advertising proceed to adjudicate as between such holders after giving ten days' notice of the date of the hearing by registered letter mailed to the last-known address of each such record-holder:

(b.) And provided further that the Board may, by consent in writing, without notice adjudicate at any time between persons whose water rights conflict.

Copy of notice to be posted in office of Water Recorder.

(3.) Whenever by this Part a notice is required to be published in a local newspaper, a copy of such notice shall be posted in the office of the Water Recorder of each district affected.

Extend time.

(4.) The Board may from time to time by writing, or by such notice as they may deem expedient, extend the time for hearing claims and adjudicating upon rights upon any particular stream, and, when in its opinion the justice of the case shall so require, may, upon such terms as shall be deemed just, extend the time for any particular claimant or claimants to file his or their claims before the Board.

Meet and adjourn.

(5.) The Board may meet and adjourn at discretion. In the absence of the others, any one member of the Board may adjourn a sitting or meeting. In the absence of all members of the Board, the Water Recorder of the district; or any person thereto authorized