

“(2) The Commissioner shall thereupon make a report in writing to the Minister showing the inquiry made, the information obtained and his conclusions.

(3) On written request of the applicants or on his own motion, the Minister may review the decision of the Commissioner under this section, and may, if in his opinion the circumstances warrant, instruct the Commissioner to make further investigation.”

7. Subsection four of section twenty-two of the said Act, as enacted by section fifteen of chapter fifty-four of the statutes of 1935, is repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

“(4) The Minister may issue commissions to take evidence in another country, and may make all proper orders for the purpose and for the return and use of the evidence so obtained.”

8. Section twenty-four of the said Act, as enacted by section seventeen of chapter fifty-four of the statutes of 1935, is amended by deleting in the sixth line thereof the words “evidence or documents” and substituting therefor the words “oral evidence” and by adding to the said section at the end thereof the following:—

“Nor shall any such documents be used or receivable in any criminal proceedings except proceedings under this Act or under section four hundred and ninety-eight of the *Criminal Code*.”

9. The said Act is amended by adding thereto as section twenty-five the following:—

“25. The proceedings before the Commissioner and any special commissioner shall be conducted in private, but the Commissioner may order that all or any portion of the proceedings shall be conducted in public. All preliminary investigations shall be conducted in private.”

10. Section twenty-seven of the said Act as enacted by section twenty of chapter fifty-four of the statutes of 1935, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—

“(3) Every special commissioner at the conclusion of the investigation which he conducts shall make a report in writing which he shall sign and transmit to the Commissioner, together with the evidence taken at the investigation, certified by the special commissioner and all documents and papers relating to the investigation remaining in his custody; and the Commissioner shall without delay transmit the report to the Minister.

(4) The Minister may call for an interim report at any time, and it shall be the duty of the Commissioner or special commissioner, as the case may be, whenever thereunto required by the Minister, to render an interim report setting out the action taken, the evidence obtained and any conclusions reached at the date thereof.

(5) Any report of the Commissioner or of a special commissioner, other than an interim report or a report of a preliminary inquiry under section thirteen of this Act, shall within fifteen days after its receipt by the Minister be made public, unless the Commissioner states in writing to the Minister that he believes the public interest would be better served by withholding publication, in which case the Minister may decide whether the report, either in whole or in part, shall be made public.”

11. The said Act is further amended by adding thereto as section twenty-eight the following:—

“28. The Minister may publish and supply copies of any report in such manner and upon such terms as he deems proper.”