

20. The commission may conduct its proceedings in such manner as will best conduce to the proper despatch of business and to the ends of justice. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no commissioner shall participate in any hearing or proceeding in which he has any pecuniary interest. The commission may, from time to time, make general rules or orders for the regulation of proceedings before it, including forms of notices and the service thereof, which shall conform, as nearly as may be, to those in use in the courts of Canada. Any party may appear before the commission and be heard in person or by attorney. Every vote and official act of the commission shall be entered of record, and its proceedings shall be public upon the request of either party interested. The commission shall have an official seal which shall be judicially noticed. Any member of the commission may administer oaths and affirmations and sign subpoenas.

Working of
commission.

21. Each commissioner shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars. The commission shall have a secretary who shall receive an annual salary of one thousand five hundred dollars. The commission shall have authority to employ and fix the compensation of such other employees as it finds necessary to the proper performance of its duties. Until otherwise provided by law, the commission may hire suitable offices for its use, and may procure all necessary office supplies. Witnesses summoned before the commission shall be paid the same fees and mileage as are paid witnesses in the courts of the provinces.

Salary of
officers of
commission.

Witness fees.

2. All the expenses of the commission, including all necessary expenses for transportation incurred by the commissioners or by their employees under their orders, in making any investigation, or upon official business in any other place than in the city of Ottawa, shall be allowed and paid on the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor approved by the chairman of the commission.

Expenses of
commission.

22. The principal office of the commission shall be in the city of Ottawa, where its general sessions shall be held, but whenever the convenience of the public or of the parties may be promoted or delay or expense prevented thereby, the commission may hold special sessions in any part of the Dominion. It may, by one or more of the commissioners, prosecute any inquiry necessary to its duties, in any part of Canada, into any matter or question of fact pertaining to the business of any carrier.

Where
sessions to be
held.

23. The commission may require annual reports from all carriers, fix the time and prescribe the manner in which such reports shall be made, and require from such carriers specific answers to all questions upon which the commission needs information. Such annual reports shall show in detail the amount of capital stock issued, the amounts paid therefor, and the manner of payment; the dividends paid, the surplus fund, if any, and the number of stockholders; the funded and floating debts, and the interest paid thereon; the cost and value of the carrier's property, franchises, and equipment; the

Annual
reports from
carriers.