

Recommendation or award not void for informality.

Proceedings of Board or Court to be public.
1900, No. 51, sec. 107

When sittings held.

Powers of entry to Board or Court for examination of factories, &c.
Ibid, sec. 108

Inspection of work and interrogation of persons.

Provisions as to Government railways.
Ibid, sec. 109.

Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants deemed registered.

(2.) A recommendation or order of the Board, or an award or order of the Court, shall not be void or in any way vitiated by reason merely of any informality or error of form, or non-compliance with this Act.

117. (1.) The proceedings of the Board or Court shall be conducted in public :

Provided that, at any stage of the proceedings before it, the Board or Court, of its own motion or on the application of any of the parties, may direct that the proceedings be conducted in private ; and in such case all persons (other than the parties, their representatives, the officers of the Board or Court, and the witness under examination) shall withdraw.

(2.) The Board or Court may sit during the day or at night, as it thinks fit.

118. (1.) Any Board and the Court, and, upon being authorised in writing by the Board or Court, any member of such Board or Court respectively, or any officer of such Board or Court, or any other person, without any other warrant than this Act, at any time between sunrise and sunset,—

(a.) May enter upon any manufactory, building, workshop, factory, mine, mine-workings, ship or vessel, shed, place, or premises of any kind whatsoever, wherein or in respect of which any industry is carried on or any work is being or has been done or commenced, or any matter or thing is taking or has taken place, which is made the subject of a reference to such Board or Court ;

(b.) May inspect and view any work, material, machinery, appliances, article, matter, or thing whatsoever being in such manufactory, building, workshop, factory, mine, mine-workings, ship or vessel, shed, place, or premises as aforesaid ;

(c.) May interrogate any person or persons who may be in or upon any such manufactory, building, workshop, factory, mine, mine-workings, ship or vessel, shed, place, or premises as aforesaid in respect of or in relation to any matter or thing hereinbefore mentioned.

(2.) Any person who hinders or obstructs the Board or Court, or any member or officer thereof respectively, or other person, in the exercise of any power conferred by this section, or who refuses to the Board or Court, or any member or officer thereof respectively duly authorised as aforesaid, entrance during any such time as aforesaid to any such manufactory, building, workshop, factory, mine, mine-workings, ship or vessel, shed, place, or premises, or refuses to answer any question put to him as aforesaid, shall for every such offence be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

(6.) SPECIAL AS TO GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

119. With respect to the Government railways open for traffic the following special provisions shall apply, anything elsewhere in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding :—

(a.) The society of railway servants called “the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants,” and now registered under the compiled Acts, shall be deemed to be registered under this Act.