

ment, prior to the enactment of the Ontario Arbitration Act (R.S.O. 1914, c. 65), had the right to revoke any agreement for submission to arbitration to which it may have been a party.

*Held*, 1. That such right was not taken away by the provisions of the Act mentioned.

2. The court will not decree against the Crown specific performance of contracts entered into with its subjects.

3. Observations upon the effect of s. 10 of the Interpretation Act (R.S.C. 1906, c. 1), in applying the law of the province where a cause of action in tort arises as it exists at the time of the action brought. *The King v. Desrosiers*, 41 S.C.R. 75.

*McGregor Young, K.C.*, for suppliant.

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Cassels, J.]      *OLMSTED v. THE KING.*      [Nov. 12, 1915.

*Rideau Canal—Damage to Lands from Flooding—8 Geo. IV, c. 1, s. 26—Limitation of actions.*

Suppliants filed their petition of right for damages arising out of the flooding of their lands alleged to have been caused by the negligence of certain officers of the Rideau Canal in keeping the waters of the Canal at an improper level at divers times.

*Held*, that the claim for damages (if any) arose more than six months before the petitions were filed and that the same was barred by the limitation prescribed in s. 26 of 8 Geo. IV., c. 1, which is still in force.

*R. V. Sinclair, K.C.*, for suppliants. *J. A. Smellie*, for respondent.

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Cassels, J.]      *THE KING v. SUSAN HAMILTON.*      [Nov. 22, 1915.

*Title to Land—Adverse Possession Against Crown—Acknowledgment.*

Defendants were claiming title to certain real property by adverse possession of 60 years against the Crown. During the ripening of their statutory title two of defendants' predecessors in possession, under whom they claimed, wrote a letter to the Minister of Public Works, under whose control the property in dispute fell at the date of such letter, in which it was stated that the property had then been in possession of the writers' family for 39 years, and the following request made: "We most urgently and respectfully solicit that the aforesaid lot be sold