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HIGH COURT DIVISION.

CLUTE, J.

DECEMBER 31st, 1917.

WEBB v. BULLOCH.

Husband and Wife—Action by Husband against Parents of Wife for Inducing her to Leave him and Alienating her Affections—Findings of Trial Judge—Damages.

Action against the parents of the plaintiff's wife for inducing her to leave him after the ceremony of marriage and for alienating her affections from him.

The action was tried without a jury at Brockville.

J. L. Whiting, K.C., and J. A. Jackson, for the plaintiff.

J. E. Jones, for the defendant William V. Bulloch.

W. B. Carroll, K.C., for the defendant Agnes Bulloch.

CLUTE, J., stated the facts at length, in a written judgment, and said that he accepted the evidence of the plaintiff throughout in preference to the statements of the defendants. The learned Judge found that the plaintiff married Dora B. Bulloch on the 14th September, 1915; that the allegation in the statement of defence to the effect "that she did not appreciate or realise what took place and that she was irrational and irresponsible mentally," was untrue. Until she became hysterical after the return of her parents after the marriage, and in the same evening, she was in her normal state both of mind and body and understood perfectly well what took place. It was at her instance that the marriage took place, the plaintiff not desiring that it should take place without the parents being informed of it beforehand. At the time of the marriage, the plaintiff was 30 years of age; the young