

AFFIDAVITS ARE FALSE

Renewal Grants Ordered Cancelled

Three Claims to be Disposed of by the Minister of Interior.

By decisions recently made by the gold commissioner three different renewal grants to as many claims have been cancelled on account of the work of representation not having been properly done, thus placing the defendants in the actions referred to in the position of having perjured themselves. In each instance there was a contest in which the plaintiff had sought to locate ground upon which a certificate of work had been filed and the renewal issued. The contests were dismissed, the court resolving itself into a court of inquiry. As such it was found the work alleged to have been done was falsely sworn to and the grants were accordingly cancelled. The disposition of the claims rests with the minister of the interior. The first of the cases referred to was that of A. L. Lewis and R. C. Nisbet against L. L. Ginsberg over the upper and lower halves of No. 1 Mint gulch, a tributary of Hunker. The decision in full is as follows:

"As far as the case of the plaintiffs is concerned, I must hold that they having staked the ground in question after Ginsberg had obtained a renewal grant, they have no right of action, and can not call into question the circumstances under which Ginsberg obtained his renewal. As to the question of the gold commissioner's jurisdiction to change the proceeding into an inquiry, I have come to the conclusion that he has a right to do so, as having in charge all matters appertaining to the administration of mines and minerals, except coal, within the district. The case is dismissed without costs. "From the evidence of the two

plaintiffs, and that of John A. Davidson, Val. Diebold and Arthur Storrs, I have come to the conclusion that the work set out in the affidavit of representation was not done, and under section 41a of the placer mining regulations the grant issued for the claim in question is hereby cancelled. The claim will be disposed of under order in council of the 31st October, 1901, authorizing the minister of the interior to dispose of any claims which may be forfeited under section 41 of the placer regulations."

The other case is identical, except as to location, covering the upper half of 242 below lower on Dominion. The plaintiff in the action was Henry Gagne, the defendant Jean Baptiste Comeau and the following are the findings:

"The plaintiff in this case having staked the ground in question after a renewal grant was issued to the defendant, he has no right of action, and his protest must be dismissed without costs. The protest was changed into an inquiry at the hearing, and upon hearing the evidence brought by the plaintiff, namely that of Joseph Paradis, Lorenzo Letourneau, Narcissus Lefebre and Ludger Lambert, I have come to the conclusion that there was not sufficient work done upon this claim to represent it by the defendant, and his affidavit of representation is false. I hereby declare, therefore, that his claim is cancelled under section 41a of the placer mining regulations. The claim will be disposed of as seen fit by the department of the interior under order in council dated October 31st, 1901."

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