

Audette, J.]

[April 10.]

FELT GAS COMPRESSING COMPANY *v.* FELT, WALKER, ET AL.

Patents for invention—Jurisdiction of Exchequer Court in cases not falling within the statutes—Rights of parties defendant upon contract—Validity of assignments.

The Exchequer Court has no jurisdiction at common law in actions respecting patents or invention, and where any relief is sought in respect of such matters the jurisdiction of the Court to grant the same must be found in some statute.

The Court cannot entertain proceedings to obtain a declaration of the respective rights of parties inter se arising under assignments of a patent of invention; nor for a declaration that such assignments are invalid; and that the registration thereof should be vacated.

M. G. Powell and Caldwell, for motion for judgment on objections in law. *Lewis*, K.C., *contra*.

Book Reviews.

Supreme Court Act (1906) Practice and Rules. By EDWARD ROBERT CAMERON, K.C., Registrar of the Supreme Court. 2nd edition. Toronto: Arthur Poole & Co. 1913.

This is a volume of over one thousand pages, and is a timely and welcome addition to the libraries of practising lawyers in this Dominion. It contains all the material to be found in the first edition with all the reported decisions of the court since then, including a large number of judgments not elsewhere reported. Several new features also appear which add to the value of the book.

The construction adopted by the compiler is to give the Act and rules verbatim, each section being followed by a digest of all the authorities bearing thereon or in relation thereto, under appropriate general headings.

Whilst this scheme gives the reader the judicial interpretation of the various sections of the Act and rules, it cannot be said that it produces a book of practice, in the ordinary sense of that expression. The latter mode of dealing with the subject might perhaps be preferred by some practitioners, but it is not unreasonable to suppose that Mr. Cameron may be right; at least his long experience in the position he occupies, and his