

DIVISIONAL COURT.

JULY 6TH, 1910.

AUSTIN v. RILEY.

Free Grants and Homesteads Act—Crown Grant—Reservation of Mines and Minerals—Sale by Patentee of Mineral Rights—8 Edw. VII. ch. 17, sec. 4, sub-sec. 3—Cancellation of Reservation—Construction—R. S. O. 1897 ch. 29, sec. 20—Wife of Patentee not Joining in Conveyance of Mineral Rights—Subsequent Conveyance of Land with Bar of Dower—Defendant Succeeding on Ground not Urged at Trial—Costs.

Appeal by the defendant from the judgment of GARROW, J.A., at the trial, in favour of the plaintiff, in an action for a declaration that he was the owner of all the mineral rights in lot 34 in the 17th concession of the township of Monmouth, and for an injunction restraining the defendant from interfering with the plaintiff in his use of the lot.

The appeal was heard by MULOCK, C.J.Ex.D., MACLAREN, J.A., and CLUTE, J.

R. J. McLaughlin, K.C., for the defendant.

A. J. Russell Snow, K.C., for the plaintiff.

The judgment of the Court was delivered by CLUTE, J.:—The facts (which are not in dispute) are as follows:—

On the 17th November, 1886, one Martin Clement (described as a "free grant settler") obtained a patent from the Crown of lot 34 in the 17th concession of the township of Monmouth, in the provisional county of Haliburton, under the Free Grants and Homesteads Act, reserving all mines and minerals to the Crown.

On the 24th August, 1899, Clement, in consideration of \$1, executed an instrument in favour of the plaintiff, called a mining lease and option, whereby he "agreed to allow" the plaintiff to enter upon the said lot and mine for gold and all other metals for the term of twenty-two days from the date thereof, "provided the lessee may purchase the entire mineral right of the lands and premises, with all mines, &c., for \$100"—covenant "to convey by a good and sufficient deed and clear from all incumbrances in case of purchase of the said mineral right, &c." The agreement to bind heirs and representatives. Shortly after the agreement was executed, the plaintiff paid the \$100, entered upon