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COURT OF APPEAL.

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RE BRUCE MINES LIMITED AND TOWN OF BRUCE MINES.

Assessment and Taxes — Assessable Property — Buildings on Mineral Lands—Assessment Act, sec. 36—Appeal from Decision of Ontario Railway and Municipal Board—Question of Law.

Appeal by the Bruce Mines Limited, a mining company carrying on business at the town of Bruce Mines, against an order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, made on an appeal to the Board from the local Court of Revision, in an assessment matter.

The original assessment of \$37,650 was reduced by the Board to \$35,000, and the appellants contended that this sum should be still further reduced, because certain buildings upon the lands (the lands being what are called in the Assessment Act "mineral lands"), used for mining purposes, should not have been assessed. The Board held that these buildings were properly assessed.

The motion was heard by Moss, C.J.O., Osler, Garrow, Mac-LAREN, and MEREDITH, JJ.A.

- J. A. McPhail, for the appellants.
- G. H. Watson, K.C., and N. H. Peterson, for the town corporation.

Garrow, J.A.:—The question presented is one of law, depending upon the proper construction of the Assessment Act, 4 Edw. VII. ch. 23, and therefore a proper subject of appeal to this Court under sec. 51 of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906.