

FELT GAS COMPRESSING CO. v. FELT—FALCONBRIDGE, C.J.K.B.—  
JAN. 27.

*Patent for Invention—Assignment—Validity—Execution Act, 9 Edw. VII. ch. 47, sec. 16(O.)—Intra Vires—Property and Civil Rights.*]—Action for a declaration that the plaintiffs were entitled to certain patents for inventions, and that the assignment thereof to the defendants passed no interest therein. The learned Chief Justice said that he agreed with the contentions advanced by the defendants' counsel; and that the action should be dismissed with costs.—Neither the Minister of Justice nor the Attorney-General for Ontario appeared, although notified in that behalf, to discuss the constitutional validity of the Execution Act, 9 Edw. VII. ch. 47(O.) The learned Chief Justice finds in favour of the constitutionality of the section, treating it as legislation in regard to property and a civil right in the Province. J. W. Bain, K.C., and M. L. Gordon, for the plaintiffs. W. S. Brewster, K.C., and A. E. Watts, K.C., for the defendant Detwiler. J. M. Ferguson, for the defendant Brackin.