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By the Chairman:

Q. You got tenders from Mason and Davidson of \$35?—A. Yes.

Q. For the corresponding lumber, what was McGee's tender?—A. So far as I can see, \$27.50.

Q. A difference of \$7.50. How much of that did you buy?—A. I could not tell you offhand, sir.

Q. Do the accounts show the greater part of that whole contract to be that lumber?—A. The records should say.

Q. We are speaking from the records. On an average of \$7.50 per 1,000, that would be about one-fifth saved?—A. Yes.

Q. And one-fifth of \$4,000 would be \$800. So you saved about \$300 by accepting the lowest tender?—A. Yes, I suppose.

By Mr. Carvell:

Q. What proportion of the lumber furnished in this contract was white pine?—A. I could not tell you.

Q. It would have to be all white pine to produce the deductions of the Chairman?—A. They had asked for white pine, and so far as I know, they got it; but I do not know.

THE CHAIRMAN: The figures show you it is.

By Mr. Kyte:

Q. Taking into account that some lumber is charged at \$31.50 the difference in the quotation McGee gave—that is the reduction in the quotation that McGee gave—is not equal to the amount the Chairman said?—A. It would not be quite so much.

By the Chairman:

Q. That invoice was for tongued and grooved flooring?—A. Exactly.

Witness discharged.

Mr. H. W. BROWN, Director of Contracts, called, sworn and examined.

By Mr. Kyte:

Q. Mr. Brown, you are Director of Contracts?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember the purchasing of lumber from Mr. W. R. McGee?—A. Yes.

Q. How did you come to get his name as a lumber dealer?—A. I think he was on the list, the Departmental purchasing list.

Q. Have you the list with you?—A. No, I have not; it is a card index list; I have not got it here.

Q. How long has his name been on the list?—A. I could not say. I can give you the date later on, I could not tell you from memory.

Q. Three years ago?—A. I could not tell you, I could either get it to you later, or I could telephone for it.

Q. Mr. McCann said about four years?—A. I have not any idea, I could not tell you. The date is given there and I could get it for you by telephone in ten minutes.

Q. Who made up the present patronage list you have?—A. The list would consist of names which were sent up to me from the Minister, and it is a list that has been made, that has been in existence many years.

By Mr. Morphy:

Q. How many?—A. Many years.

Mr. JOHN AUGUSTINE McCANN.