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Q. And he supplied that order at the same price?—A. At \$27.50 and \$26.50. I see noted here against the item. On the 20th of November Major Bogart again asked that the contractor supplying lumber should be given an order for 2,400 feet of white pine dressed on one side and two edges.

Q. Was that in accordance with the specifications first submitted to Mr. McGee when he first quoted on lumber; that class of lumber?—A. That class of lumber, yes—well he was told pine, but this is specified as white pine.

Q. And he supplied that at what price?—A. I fancy, sir, that order was telephoned over, I have not the price here, but the accounts will show; you have the accounts here, have you not?

Q. You haven't them here?—A. No, I have not the invoices.

Q. Well, Mr. McCann, there are the invoices, you might turn it up (Auditor General's file handed to witness).—A. (After examining invoices) I am afraid that I cannot dig it up from these invoices; apparently he has been charging for the loads as delivered and I could not identify the different loads.

Q. The entries are not kept separate in these different invoices?—A. No, the prices are all here, \$27.50 and \$26.50.

Q. Well, give us the next order that was given.—A. On the same day, Major Bogart—

Q. November 20?—A. Yes—asked for another 3,000 feet of lumber.

Q. What kind was specified?—A. It is not in his minute. An order was given on the 23rd November for 2,000 feet of white pine, 2" x 4" x 14 feet, dressed lumber, at \$27.50, and 1,000 feet 2" x 4" x 13 feet, B.M., at \$26.50. On the first of December, Col. Maunsell asked that 6,000 feet of white pine be ordered from the contractor.

Q. For the same work?—A. He simply says for the purpose of erecting tables and benches to accommodate 500 men. Now, that was put in on the 1st December. It came over—apparently it was a rush thing, because the order was phoned to Mr. McGee at ten minutes past twelve, delivery to be made immediately after one o'clock.

Q. What price was charged for that?—A. So far as I can see \$27.50, sir, it was all dressed lumber; it is dressed on one side and both edges, and dressed on both sides and both edges some of it.

Q. What date was that?—A. 1st December.

Q. There does not seem to be any bill rendered here at that date?—A. Possibly, it would not be for that.

Q. There is an invoice of November 24, then there is one of December 16?—A. Of course. I do not know when he would put in his invoices.

Q. Well, what is the next, Mr. McCann?—A. On the 2nd December, Major Bogart asked that Mr. McGee should be requested to send in 7,599 feet B.M. of pine, 2" x 8" x 16 feet, dressed four sides, that is the two sides and the two edges; and that order was given verbally on the following day at \$27.50.

Q. Mr. McCann, I see on December 11 there is an account rendered by Mr. McGee for pine at \$29.50?—A. There may be some of that, sir, I think that possibly for the tables a better quality of pine was supplied, I could not tell. Major Bogart now would be the one to tell that.

Q. Quotations were not asked for for that class?—A. In every case Major Bogart or Colonel Maunsell asked that this should be ordered immediately from the contractor at the time.

Q. You had no quotations from anybody for this class of lumber?—A. We had for the dressed lumber at \$35 per 1,000 feet.

Q. Did you have any from McGee?—A. We had the quotation at \$27.50 for the one kind.

Q. I see also that there is an order given for \$31?—A. That would probably be flooring, sir.

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