

suppose he was higher than the people who were next to him in all these competitions? In those nine cases he paid \$3,124 more than the total amount of the next lowest tenderers. That is a pretty substantial amount for a man to pay, and I think the argument of the close bidding is rather far-fetched. What will my hon. friend think of this case, for instance? A timber limit, range 10, lot 21, was sold by the Ontario government on February 11, 1907. The tenderers on that occasion were as follows:

Name.	Logs, per 1,000 feet.	Board, pine, per 1,000 feet.
Foss .....	\$10 53	\$35 03
Morgan Lumber Company .....	10 00	25 00
George Gordon .....	3 00	40 00
Michigan Land and Lumber Company .....	3 25	30 00
Burton .....	2 37	27 00
Shannon .....	3 10	25 00
Thessalon Lumber Company .....	3 50	2 50
Gilles .....	2 23	2 05
Perry Lumber Company .....	2 20	3 00
McCool .....	6 00	3 00
McFadden .....	7 72	3 00

The result of the above tenders was not announced till the following day. The Foss Lumber Company, Pay City, Michigan, was the successful tenderer. The Michigan Land and Lumber Company and the Morgan Lumber Company are one and the same, S. O. Fisher, of West Bay City, Michigan, being vice-president and general manager of the Morgan Lumber Company and president and general manager of the Michigan Land and Lumber Company.

#### COMPARISON WITH ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

The pine on Franklin Island, Georgian bay, was sold by the Ontario government by tender, September 2, to McGibbon, of Penstangulshene, Ontario, who bid \$12.25 per 1,000 feet, the next tender was \$12.13 per thousand feet, and followed by another for \$12.05 per 1,000. I would suggest to my hon. friend that he should go up there and bring all his great powers of introspection and all his paraphernalia to bear on these cases, and tell us what the Whitney government do when bidding is close.

#### IMPERIAL PULP COMPANY STRONG CONCERN.

My hon. friend from Qu'Appelle (Mr. Lake) is worried about the Imperial Pulp Company. We have heard many innuendoes and suggestions in reference to that. The suggestion that Governor McMillan was a member of this company and his alleged connection with it was discussed. There has never been any mystery about this company. We had full evidence in respect to it before the committee, and in the records of parliament for 1903, on this very first page of the report of the Secretary of State, there is a statement showing the incorporation of the company, the original shareholders and directors, all of them being in Toronto, and no attempt being made at secrecy. The mind that is so crooked and warped as to be able to draw some wrong intent from the association together of two men like Mr. Burrows and Governor McMillan, who has so long borne an honored name in Manitoba, has reached a depth where he is entitled to the sympathy of any hon. gentleman. What mystery was there about the connection of these gentlemen with the company? Do the opposition expect Governor McMillan and Mr. Burrows to go around the country with a sign out: saying we are members of the Imperial Pulp Company; or do they expect them to do business as any ordinary business people would do, with an office? Where was the secrecy and mystery, except in the minds of the men who wanted to conjure up evil and could not attribute to decent men in this country the ordinary methods of doing business? They regarded it as suspicious that the tenders were signed by R. R. P. How is any tender by a company to be signed except by the secretary, or the company through the secretary, and when these gentlemen had the opportunity of bringing Mr. R. R. Pattinson before the committee they did not bring him, but were content to go around heralding these miserable innuendoes, these subversions of every principle of fair play, as they are doing outside this House and, in a somewhat timid way, in this House to-night.

#### EVERY TENDERER TREATED FAIRLY.

During this whole discussion not one man has been produced to show that he was unfairly treated in the tendering. It was open to my hon. friends to have brought before the committee any man to be found between Montreal and Vancouver who had any evidence that would indicate that the Department of the Interior had acted wrongly or unfairly in regard to the awarding of these timber limits. But no such person existed except in the wild imagination of my hon. friends, who had built up this fabric of suspicion which is falling and crumbling to pieces.

#### NO SALES MADE AS ALLEGED.

There has not been one actual case of land sales at the enormous prices