

### Huston Short in Accounts.

When Orville Huston was employed by the Sprague-Roland Lumber Company he was \$8,000 short in his accounts, according to the testimony this afternoon of Curtis Williams, lumber purchasing agent for the Backus companies, at the hearing of the Royal Commission of the Province of Ontario inquiring into charges against the Attorney-General's De-

partment arising out of the death of Huston here last December.

Huston had been paid this sum for pulpwood, Mr. Williams testified, but the wood was not in existence. These

facts did not come to light until after his death, but the facts would have come to light the week after his death, Mr. Williams said, as the pulpwood was then due to be shipped, and the shortage would have been discovered.

Since that time Mr. Sprague of that company had told Williams that he hoped the verdict would be murder, in order that he could claim against the estate. The insurance companies would pay over on the policies on a verdict of murder.