

to whether or not the solicitor secured the option and what was done with it and I think it is perfectly competent testimony to prove by Mr. Emery, as he has first-hand knowledge of the facts.

MR. SMITH: I think the only way would be to prove this option.

THE EXAMINER: Go on.

THE WITNESS: (continuing) After the option was obtained I was placed in the position of being a competitive bidder for the property as the Demerara Bauxite Company ^{be-} came familiar with the fact that the solicitor held the option. After I made a bid for the property, the solicitor sold the property to the Demerara Bauxite Company.

Q Tell us right here, Mr. Emery, if you know the acreage of these two properties, these two pieces of property which you were trying to secure at that time?

A Aurora property contained approximately one thousand; the Lower Simera approximately five hundred; but this acreage only indicated the size of the property as the actually amount of bauxite on both properties was very much smaller than the acreage it indicates.

Q Did you at that time or any subsequent time make any estimate of the bauxite ore contained on these two properties?

MR. SMITH: I object to that as incompetent and irrelevant.