

### Battery Hill and New Gairloch.

This contract was let without tender at \$120 per annum, while there was in the Department a tender for \$89 per annum, a loss resulting which amounts to \$124 for the term.

The service was let by tender last from the 1st March, 1883, the contract having been awarded to the lowest tender, Mr. Robert McLeod, at the rate of his tender, \$70 per annum. By increases in the frequency of the service and in the length of the route, the price was raised to \$120 per annum. The service has remained steadily in Mr. McLeod's hands since he first secured it by means of successive renewals.

Prior to the awarding of the contract which went into operation on the 1st January, 1895, tenders were invited for it due to be opened on the 19th October, 1894. On the 17th October instructions issued for the withdrawal of the notices inviting tenders and for the renewal of Mr. McLeod's contract at the existing rate of \$120 per annum.

The following tenders were received but not considered :—

J. Barclay .....	\$ 89 00
W. Murray .....	100 00
W. H. Sutherland .....	108 00
R. McLeod .....	120 00
F. H. Matheson .....	156 00

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

WESTVILLE, N.S., 26th Sept., 1894.

DEAR SIR CHARLES,—Mr. Robert McLeod, of New Lairg, Pictou Co., N.S., wishes that his contract for carrying the mails between Battery Hill and New Gairloch, N.S., be renewed for a further term of four years.

I will be pleased if this can be done as the work is performed satisfactorily and the price is reasonable.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN McDOUGALD.

MY DEAR COL. WHITE,—I have much pleasure in endorsing this recommendation.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER,

At New Glasgow, 28th September, 1894.

OTTAWA, 17th October, 1894.

MY DEAR SIR CHARLES,—I have much pleasure in informing you that in accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 28th ulto., I have authorized the renewal of Mr. E. McLeod's contract for the mail service between Battery Hill and New Gairloch for a further period of four years.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

Hon. Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER, K.C.M.G.,  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries,  
Ottawa.