

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Balgonie and Hednesford.

This contract was let without tender at \$125 per annum, while there was in the Department a tender for \$90 per annum. The loss resulting amounts to \$140 for the contract term.

The agreement by which this service was fixed was made with Mr. Wm. Cockwill from the 1st April, 1895, the rate being \$125 per annum. Shortly after this agreement was entered into, tenders for a contract from the 1st July, 1895, were invited, due to be opened on the 17th May. The tenders received were not considered, as the contract was given to Mr. Cockwill at the rate he was receiving, viz., \$125 per annum.

Tenders received:—

H. Edmonds	\$ 90 00
J. Putz	94 00
H. Richardson	125 00
W. Cockwill	125 00
A. Meier	175 00

CORRESPONDENCE.

OTTAWA, 18th May, 1895.

MY DEAR SIR ADOLPHE,—I have just received the inclosed from a great friend of ours. If you can manage to give Cockwill the carrying of the mail you will do well, I know the lad; he is almost a hero. I have known him bring the mail from Loon Creek in the face of a strong wind and the glass 30 below zero, one of the most extraordinary feats that probably have ever been performed.

Yours truly,

N. F. DAVIN.

The Honourable
Sir A. P. CARON, K.C.M.G.,
Postmaster General,
Ottawa.

(Inclosure.)

BALGONIE, N.W.T., 14th May, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—Tenders are just being sent in for carrying the mail between Balgonie and Hednesford. Cockwill is sending his tender by this mail, and the last day is May 17th. Cockwill has had the contract for the last four years, and the mother is a widow with lots of children, and he has put in lots low enough for it, \$125. I wish you would do your best with the Postmaster General to get him this contract, as it will be quite a help to them. He has always given satisfaction in carrying mails and he should get it.

As soon as you know whether he will get it or not, write me, as I want to pull a string for our cause.

J. R. HAWKES.

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