

Beaver Harbour and Pennfield Ridge.

This contract was renewed without tender at \$175 per annum, while there was in the Department a tender at \$128 per annum. When the facts were brought to the attention of the present Government, the contract was cancelled, and a new contract made with the lowest tenderer at the rate of his tender, a saving having been effected which was equal to \$188 for the term.

The service was let by tender from the 1st January, 1892, the contract having been awarded to the lowest tenderer, Mr. F. Eldridge, at the rate of his tender, \$175.

Prior to the termination of this contract on the 31st December, 1895, tenders were invited, due to be opened on the 1st November. The tenders received were not considered as the renewal of Mr. Eldridge's contract at \$175 was authorized on the 16th November.

Tenders received :—

G. W. McKay	\$ 128 00
H. J. Eldridge	130 00
G. S. Best	138 00
D. Eldridge	149 50
E. Cross	170 00

CORRESPONDENCE.

BEAVER HARBOUR, CHARLOTTE Co., 30th Sept., 1895.

DEAR SIR,—I will continue my service between Beaver Harbour and Pennfield for another term for (\$175), one hundred and seventy-five dollars per year.

Your obedient servant,

FREDERICK ELDRIDGE.

Postmaster General,
Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 9th October, 1895.

Private.

MY DEAR MR. FOSTER,—The Postmaster General wishes me to ask you whether you have any objection to the renewal for a further period of four years of the contract for the mail service between Beaver Harbour and Pennfield. The present contractor is Mr. F. Eldridge, whose application for renewal the Inspector recommends. An early reply will greatly oblige,

Yours faithfully,

WM. WHITE.

The Hon G. E. FOSTER,
Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 5th November, 1895.

MY DEAR MR. FOSTER,—On the 9th ultimo, I wrote asking whether you had any objection to the renewal of Mr. F. Eldridge's contract for the mail service between Beaver Harbour and Pennfield Ridge, but so far have not had your reply.

Will you kindly let me hear from you as soon as convenient, as it is now time to arrange for a new contract for this service ?

Yours faithfully,

WM. WHITE.

The Hon. G. E. FOSTER,
Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.