

OTTAWA, 25th July, 1894.

MY DEAR MR. PUTNAM,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., asking that the authority issued a short time ago at your instance for the renewal of the contract for the Newport and Newport Station mail service be cancelled, and that the service be put up to tender.

In reply, I regret very much that it is now too late to give effect to your wishes, as the instructions were issued three weeks ago and have since been acted upon. I trust this will not be occasion of inconvenience to you, but the Department could not now reverse its action in the matter, as from a departmental standpoint every-thing was favourable to renewal.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

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Pugwash and Railway Station.

This contract was put in the hands of the present contractor without tender at \$100 per annum from the 1st April, 1892, while there was a tender in the Department at \$50 per annum, the loss for the period terminating on the 30th September, 1898, when the contract would have expired in due course was \$325.

The service went into operation on the 1st December, 1891, in connection with the employment of the Oxford and New Glasgow Branch of the International Railway for the conveyance of mails. A temporary arrangement was made with Mrs. Chapman for the service at \$100 per annum, and tenders for a regular contract were invited due to be opened on the 1st January, 1892.

TENDER LIST.

H. Hollis	\$ 50 00
John McPhie.....	55 00
F. Tuttle.....	60 00
J. Henry Black.....	100 00
George Reid	156 00

Telegram.

AMHERST, 10th Dec., 1891.

Hon. JOHN HAGGART,
Postmaster General.

Chapman now doing service between Pugwash and Railway station at one hundred dollars which is Inspector's estimate, please telegraph to Inspector authority to close this permanently without advertisement; also Betts at Wallace as recommended in Inspector's report of 8th inst.

A. R. DICKEY.

OTTAWA, 22nd December, 1891.

MY DEAR MR. DICKEY,—Referring to your telegram of the 10th inst., I beg to inform you that in accordance with your wishes, I have authorized that a regular contract be made with Mrs. Chapman for the station services at Pugwash.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN HAGGART.

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