

NOVA SCOTIA.

Avonport and Avonport Station.

This contract was let without tender at \$100 per annum, while there was in the Department a tender for \$80 per annum, the loss being \$80 for the term. As the contract will expire on the 30th June, 1897, tenders have been invited and a contract obtained at \$60 per annum. The saving effected will amount to \$160 for the term.

This service was let by tender last from the 1st of April, 1880, the contract having been awarded to the lowest tenderer, Mr. J. B. Newcomb at the rate of his tender \$100 per annum. The contract has remained in Mr. Newcomb's hands since that date, on the same terms and conditions by successive renewals.

Prior to the termination of the contract which expired on the 30th June, 1893, tenders were invited due to be opened on the 21st April. On the 11th April, instructions issued to withdraw the notices inviting tenders and to renew Mr. Newcomb's contract at the same rate, viz., \$100 per annum.

The following tender was received--

R. Shaw..... \$80 00

CORRESPONDENCE.

AVONPORT STATION, 20th March, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I received your printed notice in reference to carrying Her Majesty's mail between Avonport and Avonport Station, and duly posted in our office. I beg leave to state that I am willing to enter into contract for four years, at the same rate, \$100 per annum, that I have taken it in the past. Please advise me if I shall put in my tender, or whether you will accept as in the past without my sending a printed tender.

Your obedient servant,

J. B. NEWCOMB, P.M.,
Avonport Station.

Post Office Inspector, Halifax.

BILLTOWN, KING'S CO., N.S., 23rd March, 1893.

MY DEAR SIR,—Would you be kind enough to give directions for the renewal for a further term of four years of Mr. Judah B. Newcomb's contract for conveyance of mails between Avonport and Avonport station. Mr. Newcomb is the postmaster there and has given universal satisfaction as a public official, and all our friends would be pleased to see Mr. Newcomb's contract renewed.

I am, dear sir,

Yours respectfully.
C. R. BILL.

Sir A. P. CARON,
Postmaster General,
Ottawa.