

Contracts for Mail Service.

WOLFVILLE, 3rd September, 1896.

MY DEAR SIR HIBBERT,—Mr. J. Lovett Bishop has a temporary contract for mail service between Lower Canard and Port William's Station, county of King's, for \$225 per annum. He has been under this arrangement for some four years, previous to which he had the larger contracts extending beyond Canard, West Canning, which was abrogated when the Cornwallis Valley Railway Branch took mail contracts. Bishop gets \$225. Postmaster General has no power to make contract above \$200 without tender, therefore, Mr. Bishop's offer to enter into a contract for \$200 for this service. The Postmaster General has the power to make this proposed contract, but you will see by correspondence which I inclose that he does not care to do so. It is a pressing necessity from standpoint of our interests here, and if you will persuade Sir Adolphe to do this I will be particularly obliged and under renewed obligations to him for his many kindnesses.

Yours respectfully,

C. R. BILL.

Sir CHARLES H. TUPPER, M.P.,
Ottawa.

(Private.)

DEAR SIR A. P.—Please reconsider. This county can be won and I am trying to do it.

C. H. TUPPER.

12th March, 1896.

OTTAWA, 20th March, 1896.

MY DEAR SIR CHARLES,—Referring to your letter of the 12th inst., I beg to say that in accordance with your recommendation I have authorized that a four years' contract be made with Mr. J. Lovett Bishop for the mail service between Lower Canard and Port William's Station, at the rate of \$200 per annum from the 1st January last.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

The Honourable
Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER, K.C.M.G.,
House of Commons.

Mader's Cove and Mahone Bay.

This contract was let without tender at \$110 per annum, while there was a tender in the Department for \$88 per annum, a loss resulting which amounted to \$88 for the term.

The service was let by tender from the 1st January, 1892, the contract having been awarded to the lowest tenderer, Mr. Abel Lohnes, at the rate of his tender, \$110 per annum.

Prior to the termination of this contract on the 31st December, 1895, tenders for a new contract were invited, due to be opened on the 1st November. The tenders received were not considered and instructions for the renewal of Mr. Lohnes's contract were issued on the 28th November.

Tenders received :—

A. C. Zwicker.....	\$ 88 00
H. A. Strum.....	98 00
A. Lohnes.....	110 00