

OTTAWA, 30th January, 1896.

MY DEAR MR. BILL,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., recommending that a permanent contract be made for the mail service performed by Mr. J. Lovett Bishop between Lower Canard and Port Williams Station. In reply I beg to say that the matter will receive the attention of the department.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

C. R. BILL, Esq.,  
Billtown, N.S.

OTTAWA, 17th February, 1896.

MY DEAR MR. BILL,—Referring to your letter of the 24th ulto., asking that the arrangement with Mr. J. Lovett Bishop for the mail service between Canard and Port Williams Station may be made the subject of a permanent contract, I beg to say that as this arrangement is for a service costing over \$200 per annum, I have no power to make a contract therefor without first inviting tenders.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

C. R. BILL, Esq.,  
Billtown, N.S.

WOLFVILLE, 25th February, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., in which you say that you have no power to make a contract with J. Lovett Bishop for permanent mail service between Canard and Port Williams Station costing over \$200 per annum.

In reply I would say that J. Bishop will undertake the fulfilment of a permanent contract for \$200 in this way. Leave Port Williams Station as at present and proceed to Canard and Lower Canard, as under present agreement, and leave Lower Canard in 45 minutes after arrival there, and not be obliged to remain there two hours as at present, proceed to different offices en route, stopping at Port William 15 minutes and thence to Port Williams Station. This is a sufficient service and will give entire-satisfaction to all excepting to one firm at Port Williams, who do not now amount to anything.

Yours faithfully,

C. R. BILL.

The Honourable Sir ADOLPHE P. CARON,  
Postmaster General,  
Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 2nd March, 1896.

MY DEAR MR. BILL,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th ulto., stating with reference to my letter of the 17th inst., as to the impracticability of making a permanent contract for the Lower Canard and Port William's Station mail service, that Mr. Bishop would be prepared to take the service for \$200 per annum if the details of travel were rearranged.

In reply, I beg to say that while it is impossible for me to make a permanent arrangement for a service costing over \$200 per annum, it is equally inadvisable to make one where the amount is less than that named, as the principle of the Department has always been to reserve permanent arrangements for services in which the price has been fixed by tender.

I regret, therefore, that I cannot do what you recommend in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

C. R. BILL, Esq.,  
Billtown, N.S.