

Contracts for Mail Service.

OTTAWA, 4th February, 1896.

MY DEAR MR. BOWERS,—With reference to your inquiry as to the contract for the station service at Meteghan, I beg to say that on the 4th December, 1893, the Department received an offer from Mr. Wm. German for this service at \$72 per annum, but as the existing contract did not expire until the 31st March, 1895, there would have been nothing gained in considering the offer at that time. This offer was renewed by letter dated the 12th November, 1894, but as the existing contract had been renewed, the offer could not then be entertained.

As to the question of cancelling the existing contract, I beg to say that as it has been well performed, the Department does not consider that it would be in the interests of the service to make any change until the expiration of the present term on the 31st March, 1899.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

E. C. BOWERS, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons, Ottawa.

Minudie River and Hebert (West Side.)

This contract was let without tender at \$315 per annum, while there was a tender in the Department for \$299 per annum, a loss resulting which amounts to \$64 for the term.

This service was let by tender from the 1st July, 1887, the contract having been awarded to the lowest tenderer, Mr. Thomas Mack at the rate of his tender, \$315 per annum. This contract was renewed with Mr. Mack on the same terms and conditions for four years from the 1st July, 1891.

Prior to the termination of the latter contract on the 30th June, 1895, tenders for a new contract were invited, due to be opened on the 19th April of that year. On the 30th March, instructions issued for the withdrawal of the notices inviting tenders and the renewal of Mr. Mack's contract for a further period of four years at the same rate of \$315 per annum.

The following tender was received but not considered:—

Stephen LeBlanc..... \$299 00

CORRESPONDENCE.

OTTAWA, 8th March, 1895.

MY DEAR SIR ADOLPHE,—Will you be so kind as to order the renewal for a further period of four years, of the contract of Thomas Mack, for the carriage of mails between River Hebert and Minudie, in the county of Cumberland.

I am, yours faithfully,

A. R. DICKEY.

Hon. Sir ADOLPHE CARON, K.C.M.G.,
Postmaster General.

OTTAWA, 1st April, 1895.

MY DEAR MR. DICKEY,—I have much pleasure in informing you that in accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 8th ulto., I have authorized the renewal of Mr. T. Mack's contract for the mail service between Minudie and River Hebert (West Side), for a further period of four years.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

The Honourable A. R. DICKEY,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa.