Prior to the expiration of the contract on the 30th September, 1892, tenders for a new contract were invited, due to be opened on the 29th July. On the 22nd June instructions were issued to withdraw the notices inviting tenders, and renew Mr. Wheaton's contract at the rate of \$300.00 per annum.

The following tender was received but not considered :-

On the 7th May, 1896, instructions issued for the renewal for four years from the 1st October, 1896, of Mr. Wheaton's contract at the same rate, viz: -\$300.00 per annum.

CORRESPONDENCE. '

UPPER SACKVILLE, N.B., April 16, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—I would like contract between Sackville and Railway Station renewed for another period of four years on same terms and conditions if agreeable to the Department, past services being guarantee for future efficiency.

I took the contract low on account of having contract from Upper Sackville to Sackville. Would it be possible to arrange for both contracts so that they would expire at the same time? By so doing you would oblige,

Your obedient servant, JAMES J. WHEATON.

S. J. King, Esq., P.O. Inspector.

OTTAWA, 1st May, 1896.

MY DEAR MR. POWELL,—The Postmaster General wishes me to ask you whether you have any objection to the renewal for a further period of four years of the contract for the mail service between Sackville and Railway Station. The name of the contractor is Mr. J. J. Wheaton, whose application for renewal the Inspector recommends.

Yours faithfully,

WM. WHITE.

H. A. Powell, Esq., Sackville, N.B.

SACKVILLE, 4th May, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in recommending the renewal for four years of the contract for the mail service between Sackville and railway station.

Yours truly,

H. A. POWELL.

W. WHITE, Esq., Deputy Postmaster General, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 7th May, 1896.

My DEAR MR. POWELL, -I beg to inform you that in accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 4th instant, the Postmaster General has authorized the renewal of Mr. J. J. Wheaton's contract for the mail service between Sackville and railway station for a further term.

Yours faithfully,

WM. WHITE.

H. A. Powell, Esq., Sackville, N.B.