

and I am to inform the parties interested that such combination will make it impossible for the Postmaster General to enter into a contract with any of the parties to such a scheme, and that if Messrs. Nugent and Emmerson will not enter into a contract at their tender, the Postmaster General may find it necessary to advertise the service anew, and to rule out of the competition, as the law gives him power to do, the parties to the combination. The three lowest tenders named for the above above services are as follows:—

Nugent and Emmerson	\$1,144 00
Pat. Lynott.....	1,395 00
M. Hart.....	1,500 00

All in the interest of Mr. Hart. If the first is not accepted the Postmaster General will invite new tenders, and tenders from the above parties will not be received in the light of present combination. Will you please ascertain whether the parties to the lowest tender will accept. I will proceed up the river immediately after I return, but in the meantime please ascertain whether Nugent and Emmerson are prepared to enter into a contract at the rate of their tender. Address me St. John, as I am anxious to be informed before I leave for up the river, as I may make some arrangements for this service without going all the way to the Grand Falls. Your immediate answer is requested.

Yours truly,
JOHN McMILLAN.

The Postmaster at Edmundston.

No. 254.

OTTAWA, 21st June, 1881.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 2nd inst. on the subject of the tenders received for the Edmundston and Grand Falls service, I am directed to say that under all the circumstances of the case, it seems desirable that the tender of P. Lynott (No. 2) for the service in question should be accepted.

You will please, therefore, enter into a contract with Mr. Lynott accordingly, or with Mr. Hart at the rate of Mr. Lynott's tender, if the latter desires to transfer his interest in the matter to Mr. Hart.

I am, &c.,
WM. WHITE,
Secretary.

JOHN McMILLAN, Esq.,
Post Office Inspector,
St. John, N.B.

(Telegram.)

GRAND FALLS, N.B., 22nd June, 1881.

Regarding Edmundston and Grand Falls service, I offered Hart, present contractor, twelve hundred dollars, the amount named by himself, subject to his brother's approval. The brother, who is in Edmundston, made no reply, although telegraphed to yesterday. I believe that I can arrange at that amount with other party. What shall I do? I am anxious to get back to St. John. Reply immediately.

Yours truly,
JOHN McMILLAN.

W. H. GRIFFIN, Esq.

(Telegram.)

OTTAWA, 22nd June, 1881.

Arrange with Lynott at his tender, or let him assign to Hart.

W. H. GRIFFIN.

To Hon. JOHN McMILLAN,
Post Office Inspector,
Grand Falls, N.B.