

Contracts for Mail Service.

POST OFFICE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
HALIFAX, 30th December, 1895.

No. 106.

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 265B of the 26th November, inclosing four tenders for the mail service between Eastern Harbour and Port Hastings, I have the honour to inclose herewith the telegrams from the first and second tenderers, Hector McKinnon and J. J. McNeill, and a letter from the third tenderer, each stating his inability to enter into a contract.

I may say that McKinnon is not himself in a position to perform the service, and the parties who signed his tender are not good for the amount of the bond required. I, however, gave him an opportunity to furnish satisfactory security, and he submitted the names of two parties who were quite good for the amount of security asked. Under these circumstances, I accepted his tender and sent him contracts for signature. These contracts have not been returned, and on Saturday I received his telegram stating his inability to perform the service.

The second tenderer, John J. McNeil, is competent to perform the service, and the sureties submitted by him in his tender are, in my opinion, good for the amount of the bond required. He, however, asks leave to withdraw his offer.

J. W. Reynolds, the third tenderer, who also asks to withdraw, is not, in my opinion, competent to perform the service, nor are the sureties submitted by him good for the amount of the bond required.

The fourth tenderer, H. A. Archibald, who is the present contractor, is well equipped for the service, and the sureties submitted by him are good.

I shall be glad to have your further instructions in the matter.

In the meantime, I will make a temporary arrangement for the service for the month of January.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
Post Office Inspector.

The Honourable
The Postmaster General,

(Inclosures in above Report.)

PORT HASTINGS, 24th December, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—In reference to my tender for the mail services from Port Hastings to Eastern Harbour, &c., so far I have not heard to whom the contract has been awarded. I find that my figures were entirely too low, and therefore beg leave to state that I must decline the contract should I be so favoured.

I remain, &c.,

J. W. REYNOLDS.

P.S.—I have sent a copy of above to the Postmaster General at Ottawa.

C. J. MACDONALD, Esq.,
Post Office Inspector, Halifax.

MABOU, CAPE BRETON, 25th Dec., 1895.

SIR A. P. CARON,
Postmaster General, Ottawa.

SIR,—I have a tender in for the mail service between Port Hastings and Eastern Harbour and from Port Hastings to Baddeck, which I wish to withdraw owing to my having made a miscalculation. I find that the service cannot be satisfactorily performed for the amount asked by my tender.

I have the honour, &c.,

JOHN J. MCNEILL.

Witness,
EDWARD A. MURRAY.