Contracts for Mail Service.

No. 282B.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA, MAIL SERVICE BRANCH. OTTAWA, 25th May, 1895.

Sir,—Referring to your report No. 342, of the 15th inst., respecting the arrangements made by you for the side services between Port Daniel East and Port Daniel West, Grand Pabos and Ste. Adelaide de Pabos, Newport and SS. Landing, and Barachois de Malbaic and Point St. Peter, in which you state that you have ascertained that, in your negotiations with the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company regarding these services, you were dealing with a person not entitled to represent them, I am to say that in that case payment must be made to the company at the rates paid in 1893 for these services.

You will, therefore, please prepare a pay sheet and vouchers for these services,

and forward them to the department as soon as practicable.

I am, &c.,

ARTHUR LINDSAY, Superintendent.

A. Bolduc, Esq., Post Office Inspector, Quebec. Que.

> Post Office Inspector's Office, QUEBEC, 5th June, 1895.

MY DEAR COLONEL,-On the 15th ulto. I wrote to Mr. Patrick Kelly, the supposed owner of the "Admiral," and who has signed the contract for the carrying of the mails on the "Admiral," whether he would be willing to accept the terms here-tofore paid to our different contractors for the four different side services: Port Daniel East, Grand Pabos, Newport and Barachois de Malbaie.

The reply given me on the 23rd ulto., was that my letter had been received and that it would be placed before the board of directors at their first meeting.

Yesterday Mr. Michael Connolly called and stated that he would not be ready

to give an answer to my letter before about three weeks.

Now, is it necessary for me to make a report meanwhile, or should I wait the three weeks, as asked for before reporting on the subject?

Faithfully yours,

A. BOLDUC, Post Office Inspector.

Lt.-Col. WHITE, Deputy Postmaster General, Ottawa.

> Post Office Inspector's Office. Quebec, 20th September, 1895.

N. 449.

SIR,—With reference to your telegram of the 26th April last, directing me to place the side services in connection with the steamer "Admiral" in the same hands as last year, viz., those of Mr. Patrick Kelly, I beg to say that I accordingly did so, and I am just now in receipt of a communication, herewith inclosed, from Mr. Kelly, stating that he is prepared to accept the following prices for the four side services referred to, viz.:-

Port Daniel East and Port Daniel West, 4 trips per week, 3 miles distant, \$2.00

per trip.