

OTTAWA, 15th February, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—Replying further to your letter of the 30th January last, I beg to say that I shall be glad to have the contract for the mail service between Gilbert Mountain and Halfway River Station renewed for a further period as recommended by the Inspector.

I am, &c.,

A. R. DICKEY.

ARTHUR LINDSAY, Esq.,
Post Office Department.

OTTAWA, 18th February, 1895.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in informing you that in accordance with your recommendation, I have authorized the renewal of Mr. G. Rector's contract for the mail service between Gilbert Mountain and Halfway River Station for a further period of four years.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

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

Head of Indian Harbour Lake and Sherbrooke.

This contract was let without tender at \$224.65 per annum, though there was in the department a tender for \$200 per annum, the loss being \$98.60 for the term.

The service was let by tender last from the 1st July, 1882. On this occasion the contract was awarded to Mr. Matthew McGrath at the rate of his tender, which was the fourth on the list, the three lower having retired. The rate of pay was \$213.70 per annum, which was increased on the 1st February, 1888, to \$224.65. This rate has been paid since that date, the contract having been maintained by a series of renewals which took place every four years. On the 1st January, 1893, the contract was transferred from Mr. McGrath to Mr. J. S. Cameron, in whose name it now stands.

Prior to the termination of the contract which expired on the 30th June, 1894, tenders for a new contract were invited, due to be opened on the 27th April. On the 4th April instructions were issued for the withdrawal of the notices inviting tenders, and for the renewal of Mr. Cameron's contract for a further period of four years, at the rate then paid, \$224.65 per annum.

The following tenders were received but not considered :—

T. Hollis.....	\$200
A. Cameron.....	249

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHERBROOKE, 12th March, 1894.

DEAR SIR,—I notice the Head Indian Harbour Lake and Sherbrooke up for contract. You will perhaps remember when Mr. McGrath's contract was transferred to Mr. J. S. Cameron that a renewal was promised at the expiration of present contract. Kindly recommend renewal to Mr. J. S. Cameron and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

A. F. CAMERON.

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