

CORRESPONDENCE.

OTTAWA, 25th March, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—I would recommend that in the interest of the public service the contract for carriage of the mail at Cape Negro and Blanche, county of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, should be renewed to John Smith, the present courier, for four years. Advertisements for tenders have been issued.

Yours truly,

N. W. WHITE.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON,
Postmaster General.

OTTAWA, 31st March, 1896.

MY DEAR MR. WHITE,—I have much pleasure in informing you that in accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 25th inst., I have authorized the renewal of Mr. J. Smith's contract for the mail service between Blanche and Cape Negro for a further period of four years.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

N. W. WHITE, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Brookfield and Upper Stewiacke.

From the 1st April, 1895, until the 31st October, 1889, this service was performed without tender at \$524.75. For the term which ended on the 30th September, 1892, a tender was received at \$399 per annum, a loss having been sustained by disregarding it which amounted to \$503 for the term. For the succeeding term a tender was received at \$344, so that the loss of this term was \$723.00. For the term, which began on the 1st October, 1896, tenders were invited by the present Government and a contract made at \$439, the saving effected being \$343 for the term.

The service was let by tender last on the 1st April, 1881, the contract having been let to the lowest tenderer, Mr. H. Dickie, at the rate of his tender, \$524.75. On the 1st April, 1883, the contract passed into the hands of Mr. J. J. Brenton, by transfer from Mr. Dickie, and has remained in Mr. Brenton's hands ever since at the same rate \$524.75.

Tenders were invited in 1888, for a contract from the 1st October, in that year, the tenders being due to be opened on the 3rd August. The tenders were opened on the 13th September, 1888, the following being the list :—

H. H. Ogilvie.....	\$ 399 00
Thomas Cox.....	400 00
J. J. Brenton.....	515 00
W. C. Kennedy.....	649 00
W. A. Hamilton.....	675 00
W. S. Hamilton.....	800 00

The lowest tender was accepted, but no further steps were taken in the matter, as an agreement was made with Mr. Brenton, at the figure at which he had been performing the service, viz., 524.75 per annum.

This agreement terminating on the 30th September, 1892, tenders were invited, the tenders being due to be opened on the 29th July, of that year. On the 26th July, instructions issued to renew Mr. Brenton's contract at the same rate and to withdraw the notices inviting tenders. The following tenders were received, but not considered :—

W. Ellis.....	\$ 344 00
J. Taylor.....	385 00
T. Cox.....	400 00
S. Hamilton.....	499 00
J. J. Brenton.....	500 00
E. Cox.....	550 00