

## Contracts for Mail Service.

### Gilbert Mountain and Halfway River Station.

This contract was let without tender at \$75 per annum, though there was a tender in the Department for \$46.50, the loss being \$114 for the term.

The service went into operation on the 1st November, 1891, an agreement having been made with Mr. George Rector therefor at the rate of \$75 per annum.

Prior to the expiration of this contract on the 31st March, 1895, tenders were invited, due to be opened on the 11th January. The tenders received were not considered and Mr. Rector's contract was renewed at the existing rate of \$75 per annum by authority which issued on the 18th February, 1895.

Tenders received—

D. Gilbert, jun.....	\$ 46 50
D. Fulton.....	48 00
T. Skidmore.....	51 25
S. S. Brown.....	58 00
W. A. Wotton.....	65 00
George Rector.....	75 00

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SIR,—It is not for me to say who shall drive this mail, but I live within a gun shot of Albert Wotton's post office, I have good substantial sureties living beside me, and should you see proper to let me the contract of course I will attend to it with promptness and fidelity.

DENNIS FULTON,  
Gilbert Mountain, Cumb. Co., N.S.

OTTAWA, 31st December, 1894.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, calling attention to your tender for the Gilbert Mountain and Halfway Station mail service.

In reply I am to say that in dealing with the tenders for this service the Postmaster General will give your statements due consideration.

I am, &c.,

ARTHUR LINDSAY,  
*Superintendent.*

Mr. D. FULTON,  
Gilbert Mountain, N.S.

OTTAWA, 30th January, 1895.

MY DEAR SIR,—In the absence of Colonel White who is laid up with a severe cold and unable to attend to business, may I ask you to be good enough to say whether you have any objection to the renewal for a further period of four years of the contract for the mail service between Gilbert Mountain and the Halfway River Station.

The present contractor is Mr. G. Rector whose application the Inspector recommends.

An early reply will greatly oblige.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR LINDSAY.

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