

## Contracts for Mail Service.

### Bay St. Lawrence and Englishtown.

This contract was let without tender at \$1,625 per annum, while there was in the Department a tender for \$1,373 per annum, a loss resulting which amounted to \$252 per annum or \$1,008 for the term. The contract having been cancelled and tenders invited, a contract has been obtained at \$1,198 per annum, and a saving effected of \$427 per annum or \$1,708 for the term.

The service was let by tender from the 1st November, 1891, the contract having been awarded to the lowest tenderer, Mr. Thomas D. Curtis, at the rate of his tender, \$1,625 per annum.

Prior to the termination of this contract on the 30th September, 1895, tenders for a new contract were invited, due to be opened on the 2nd August, of that year. On the 10th July, instructions were issued to withdraw the notices inviting tenders, and to renew Mr. Curtis' contract for a further period of four years at the same rate.

The following tenders were received, but not considered :—

D. N. McInnes.....	\$1,373 00
Henry Cann.....	1,450 00

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

OTTAWA, 8th July, 1895.

MY DEAR SIR,—I would recommend that the mail contract between Englishtown and Bay St. Lawrence be renewed with the present contractor for the next four years.

Mr. Curtis has given every satisfaction to the public, and I think it would be a pity to tender again as it might fall into the hands of some poor contractor.

I am, yours truly,

JNO. A. McDONALD.

Sir A. P. CARON, K.C.M.G., M.P.,  
Postmaster General.

OTTAWA, 10th July, 1895.

MY DEAR MR. McDONALD,—I have much pleasure in informing you that in accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 8th inst., I have authorized the renewal of Mr. T. D. Curtis's contract for the mail service between Bay St. Lawrence, Ingonish and Englishtown for a further period of four years.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE P. CARON.

J. A. McDONALD, Esq., M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

### Blanche and Cape Negro.

This contract was let without tender at \$140, while there was in the Department a tender for \$98 per annum, the loss being \$168 for the term. The contract having been cancelled by the present Government and tenders invited, a contract has been obtained at \$65 per annum, and a saving effected which will amount to \$300 for the term.

The service was let by tender from the 1st July, 1894, the contract having been awarded to the lowest tenderer, Mr. John Smith, at the rate of his tender, \$140 per annum. As this rate was considered by the Postmaster General to be a very high one, the contract was made for two years only.

Prior to the termination of this contract on the 30th June, 1896, tenders for a new contract were invited, due to be opened on the 17th April. On the 31st March instructions issued for the withdrawal of the notices inviting tenders and the renewal of Mr. Smith's contract for a further period of four years at the existing rate of \$140 per annum.

The following tenders were received but not considered :—

Heman Swain.....	\$ 98 00
A. O. Thomas.....	100 00