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Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS

Addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for completion of Custom House, London," will be received at this office until

THURSDAY, 20th MAY NEXT,

For the several works required in the completion of an addition to the
CUSTOM HOUSE, AT LONDON, ONTARIO.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and at the office of Messrs. Durand & Moore, Architects, London, Ont., on and after Friday, the 20th April inst.

As the plans and specifications provide for the whole of above works, and a portion of same having been executed, intending contractors are required to personally visit the site and make themselves fully cognizant of the work remaining to be done, according to the said plans and specifications, before putting in their tenders.

Persons tendering are further notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an *accepted* bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

A. GORELL,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 27th April, 1894.

REJECTED.

They stood by the dashing salt waves surge,
And the wind swept wildly o'er the sea,
In vain he tried his suit to urge,
She said, No, no, it cannot be.

My sailor love is o'er the main;
But oh! I know he thinks of me,
And soon he will be home again;
Ah! no, my maiden heart's not free.

The lover sighs as the lady goes,
Too late! too late! I've lost my chance;
When a thundering wave dashed o'er his clothes,
And ruined his \$14 00 pants.

HENRY SANK.

COMING UP TO THE SCRATCH.

The light of her eyes was a shining blue,
The cast of her lips a ruby red;
And this was all that he thought to do,
As he placed his hand on her well-poised head—
To steal one long transient kiss:
And he bended overward on his toes,
But all the remembrance of his bliss
Is the scars of finger nails on his nose.

INCONVENIENCE OF A BAD CHARACTER.

A mortal fever prevailed on board a ship at sea, and a negro man was appointed to throw the bodies of those who died from time to time overboard. One day when the captain was on deck, he saw the negro dragging out of the fore-castle a sick man who was struggling violently to extricate himself from the negro's grasp, and remonstrating bitterly against the cruelty of being buried alive.

"What are you doing with that man, you black rascal?" said the captain.

"Going to throw him overboard, massa, cause he's dead!"

"Dead! you scoundrel," said the captain, "don't you see he moves and speaks?"

"Yes, massa, I know he say he no dead, but he always lie so, nobody neber know when to believe him!"

"So you always manage to put up with your Tartar of a wife?" "Oh, yes! We have lots of fun together." "How is that?" "Well, you see, my wife, when she gets into a passion, is in the habit of throwing at me anything that comes in her way. Every time she hits me she is pleased, and every time she misses, I am pleased: and thus we are never short of amusement."

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