

## MONTREAL SERVANT GIRLS AND THEIR MISTRESSES.

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As one whose business, for the last twelve months, depended mostly upon the good will of the Montreal servant girls and their mistresses, I was naturally very much interested in the present agitation going on in the *Star*. I wrote a letter to the *Star* stating my views on the subject, but for reasons best known to that journal it has not yet made its appearance in print. The letter I wrote to the *Daily News* on the subject appeared without delay, and as everyone that saw my letter on the subject seemed to approve of its statements, I was encouraged to write after this manner, so that I will not be under any obligations to anyone for getting my views into print. Although I may state some facts that may not be very tasteful to some, I wish it distinctly to be understood that I have great respect for the Montreal ladies in general. I have travelled a great part of this country and also of the old country and I am happy to say that the Montreal ladies will compare favourably with those of any other place where I have been. Of course there are exceptions to this rule like most other rules, and these exceptions are the main spring of the present agitation. Perhaps my respect for the Montreal ladies is one of the reasons that I stayed longer in Montreal than I have stayed in any other place that I have ever been in, since I first left home about fourteen years ago. It is a fact that cannot be denied that the Montreal people will compare favorably with any other people in the world for kindness of disposition. Perhaps that is one reason that there is so much notice taken of those who are rude, unkind, uncharitable and selfish. The whiter the sheep the more conspicuous will the black one appear.

One writer on the "Question" in the *Star* insinuates that the cause of the trouble is that most of the ladies of Canada rose from next to nothing, and that consequently they did not have the upbringing which was necessary according to the English woman's