

Simon Fraser familiar to the Colonel and his Excellency.

At 4.30 p.m. a missive is received from the *World* reporter, revealing the existence of a young lady very dear to him, whom he would like to take with him on his tour, if the Countess would "matronize" her. She should give no trouble, would not ask to enter Lady Dufferin's car, and he himself would put her safely to bed every night in the cot immediately above his own. A Council of War is held. Lady D. sternly opposed to the whole arrangement; the A.D.C.'s suggest that her two sisters should be invited to accompany her, and be "matronized" on the same terms. This idea does not find favour with the elders, and the reporter is told that he must travel in single blessedness.

At 5 o'clock, tea is got ready under the auspices of the whole party. Disputes arise as to whether one or whether two extra spoonfuls of tea should go to the pot. Never was a kettle better watched or longer before it boiled. Five splendid cups of tea ultimately produced. Great things are prophesied of the cooking department.

At 8 o'clock, reach Cobourg, and sup. *She* is not on the platform. Disappointment of Mr. Ward. 9 p.m. Cypher telegram from Mr. Mackenzie. Four of the party retire to a private apartment to translate it.