

pleased. I might have twenty places of my own, but none of them would seem so much like home as Ravensmere."

And Sir Raoul laughed. Fatigued as he was, he seemed in no hurry to leave his kinsman.

"I am rather disappointed," he said, at last. "I had hoped that I should see my new kinswoman to-night."

Lord Caraven looked incredulously at him.

"I can hardly believe that you are serious," he exclaimed. "Do you really desire so much to see my wife?"

"I do indeed," replied Sir Raoul earnestly.

"I do not understand it," said the earl, with an amused smile. "You are slightly curious about her personal appearance? Well, I am not a judge, as I like fair people, and she is tall and dark. These are the only two points in her which have struck me. Yes, there is one thing more—she sings with ravishing sweetness. I have never heard a finer voice. I think, too, that she has a will and spirit of her own; but I repeat—though I do not intend to repeat it—that I do not like her."

"Tall and dark." Sir Raoul immediately pictured to himself a somewhat forbidding masculine looking girl, with a hard face and a hard manner. He was half disenchanted. No one but himself knew how he had longed all his life for sisters. The notion of a woman—a delicate refined lady—who would be kind to him was blissful to him; and, though this wife of the earl's was a money lender's daughter, she might be feminine and graceful.

He was disappointed. He fancied that Lord Caraven would never have spoken of her as he did if she had been what he had hoped to find her. Farewell to his idea of the sweet companionship of a delicate refined woman! Farewell to his idea of passing long pleasant hours with the earl's young wife! He remembered that as a boy Ulric had been devoted to the fair sex; he had often rallied him on it. He remembered a thousand and one scrapes into which the boy had fallen from his propensity to flirtation. He knew that his cousin had been called "The handsome earl," and the only satisfactory conclusion at which he could arrive was that this girl wife must be displeasing in appearance.

"Tall and dark"—certainly there was not much in that. Sir Raoul retired to his room, slightly disappointed and disenchanted. He could not sleep. Bygone scenes in his own life rose up before him. It was long after midnight when he heard the roll of a carriage, and then the soft rustle of a silken dress as light footsteps passed his door.

"That is the young countess," he said to himself—"my new cousin—tall and dark."

## CHAPTER XXI.

The earl entered Sir Raoul's room early in the morning.

"Raoul," he said, "I have just come to say that everything must go on as usual. Do as you like, get up as you like; go out when you like; order dinner, luncheon, breakfast, at any time you will. You must not make any difference between this visit and those you used to pay. I am not much at home myself."

Sir Raoul laid his hand on the young man's arm.

"How is that?" he asked earnestly. "Ulric, is not home pleasant to you?"

"To tell you the truth, it is not—not very pleasant. I may be fanciful, but to me there seems always a look of reproach on my wife's face. That is not the only reason; I scorn to make false excuses. I find more attraction away from home than in it. Now you will be happy, Raoul?"

"Yes," he replied; and long after his cousin had left him Sir Raoul lay thinking what he could do to make matters pleasanter between husband and wife.

He little knew with what pride, indifference, contempt, and dislike he would have to do battle. He knew too, that, as a rule, all interference between husband and wife was worse than useless—that, if they quarreled themselves, they would allow no one else to interfere in the quarrel. But this was not a mere quarrel—it was far worse.

"I would give something," he thought, "to restore harmony; but of course it depends on what she is like."

What was she like? After being at the opera she would not rise until late, he felt sure. He himself went down stairs early—Sir Raoul liked the fresh morning air.

The first sound that fell upon his ear was the singing of a bird, and the next the falling spray of a fountain. He looked around. He saw then what improvements had been made in Halby House. A conservatory had been built out from the breakfast-room, long and wide—a conservatory that was almost an aviary, so full was it of bright plumaged birds; a fountain stood in the midst, masses of brilliant bloom glowed upon the walls.

"This was a welcome for the bride," thought Sir Raoul. "Perhaps, however, she has not much taste for flowers."

No one seemed to be about; the breakfast-table was prepared, but there was no one to preside. Sir Raoul looked round; he thought he would go through the conservatory, and perhaps by that time there would be some news of breakfast. He opened the glass-door and walked through a fairy-land of sweet blossoms; the spray of the fountain fell with melodious music into the clear basin below.

"How beautiful!" thought the simple soldier.

He walked on until he saw a vision that suddenly struck him dumb. At the end of the conservatory was a large vine-wreathed door, the green leaves formed a perfect screen, and against them stood a figure such as Sir Raoul had never seen before and never afterward forgot—a tall, graceful, girlish figure—a figure that was all symmetry, with a slender, graceful neck, white as snow, lovely shoulders, round, white arms, draped in elegant morning dress.

(To be continued.)



## NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this office up to noon of SATURDAY, 30th April, 1887, for the delivery of Indian Supplies during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1888, consisting of Flour, Bacon, Groceries, Ammunition, Twine, Oats, Cows, Bulls, Agricultural Implements, Tools, &c., duty paid at various points in Manitoba and North-West Territories.

Forms of tender containing full particulars relative to the Supplies required, dates of delivery, &c., may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, or to the Indian Office, Winnipeg.

Parties may tender for each description of goods (or for any portion of each description of goods) separately or for all the goods called for in the Schedule, and the Department reserves to itself the right to reject the whole or any part of a tender.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Cheque on a Canadian Bank in favor of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs for at least five per cent of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the tenderer declines to enter into a contract based on such tender when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender is not accepted, the cheque will be returned.

Tenderers must make up in the Money column in the Schedule the total money value of the goods they offer to supply, or their tender will not be entertained.

Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract.

When implements of a particular make are mentioned it is because the Articles so designated suit the Department for the purpose required better than others; in such cases the competition between tenderers must, of course, be in the transportation to the place of delivery.

In all cases where transportation may be only partial by rail, contractors must make proper arrangements for supplies to be forwarded at once from railway stations to their destination in the Government Warehouse at the point of delivery.

Tenderers will please note carefully the following conditions—

1. Supplies will not be paid for until the Department has been assured of the satisfactory delivery of each article for which payment is claimed.

2. No tender for supplies of a description different to that given in the index will be considered, and supplies which are found, on delivery, to be of a kind or quality different to those described will be rejected by the agents of the Department; and the contractor and his sureties will be held responsible for any loss entailed on the Department through failure to deliver in accordance with terms on contract.

3. It is to be distinctly understood that supplies are to be delivered at the various points for the prices named in the tender; THAT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR PACKING OR ANY OTHER ACCOUNT WILL BE ENTERAINED, and that an invoice must accompany each separate delivery of supplies. An invoice for each separate delivery must also be sent to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, and one to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, if the supplies are for the North-West Territories. When the supplies are for points in the Manitoba Superintendency the invoice should be sent to E. McColl, Winnipeg.

4. Prices must be given for articles to be delivered at each point of delivery named in the Schedule for each article for which a tender is submitted, and not an average price for each article at all points of delivery; no tender based on a system of averages will be considered.

5. Tenderers should understand that they must bear the cost, not only of sending their samples to the Department of Indian Affairs, but also freight charges incurred in returning such samples to the tenderer.

When supplies are to be delivered "equal to sample" tenderers should understand that the samples are to be seen either at the Department of Indian Affairs, at the office of the Indian Commissioner at Regina, at the office of the Inspector in charge at Winnipeg, or at any one of the undermentioned Indian Agencies.

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and that no attention will be paid to a sample of any article which may accompany a tender, if a standard sample of such article is on view at the Department of Indian Affairs or any one of its Offices or Agencies aforesaid.

7. These Schedules must not be mutilated—they must be returned to the Department entire even if the supply of one article only is tendered for—and tenderers should be the covering

letter accompanying their tender, name the pages of the Schedule on which are the articles for which they have tendered.

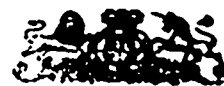
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CHARLES J. MACDONALD,  
Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,  
Halifax, 12th April, 1887.

## To the Electors of Ward 1.

GENTLEMEN,—The term for which you did me the honor to elect me as your representative in the City Council has almost expired. My term has been fruitful of many reforms in civil government, and many improvements in city works and property. The limited revenue controllable by the Council has been honestly and carefully expended. We have, in every instance, received its due proportion of civic expenditures, so that to-day it compares favorably with any other ward in the condition of its streets, lights and parks.

The project of constructing a City Hall, becoming the city, upon the Grand Parade, the scheme for the promotion of high education within the city by the purchase of the Dalhousie lot, thereby securing the location of the college in the western portion of our own ward, have both received my hearty support. The extension of the Horse Railway throughout the ward beyond its present terminus, for the better accommodation of the residents, and the proposal to construct a more improved means of transit from Queen and Green streets to Victoria Road are matters of personal interest to nearly every elector. These projects all deserve the wise consideration and judicious support of the City Council, to the end that the reasonable expectations of our citizens with regard to the same may be fully realized.

Many influential electors of the Ward have kindly expressed their approval of my past record as their representative and have done me the honor of requesting that I should place myself in nomination as a candidate for re-election. I have acceded to their request. I felt that in justice to certain measures of civil reform and improvement, which are as yet incomplete, and in deference to the wishes of those who, unolicited, have expressed their confidence in me, I could not decline. I pledge myself that if elected as your representative my future conduct will be on a line with my conduct in the past, except only that a renewal of your confidence will constitute an obligation for greater diligence in carrying out the projects above indicated, and for greater zeal in the performance of the other duties devolving upon me as your representative. I am, gentlemen,

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