

Fred B. Smith.

Friend and playmate in the years
Gone forever—Prayers and tears
Ill avail to tell how I
Mourn for you, beyond the sky.

Were we nothing to each other?
Friend and comrade—younger brother;
Who can tell what's in the heart
Of any—of what it forms a part?

Distance, change environment,
Howsoever our lives are spent,
We shall find where'er we roam
Hearts responding to our own.

Who shall say that class or creed
Rends apart—denies the meed
Of praise or love to any one
Under God's eternal sun.

They may build their barriers all;
Fence me out of home and hall;
Call me crank and Romanist,
But my love they can't resist.

Sown in a congenial soil—
Years of sorrow, care and toil,
Changed conditions—frost and snow
Changes not the ruddy glow
Of love and hope within my heart,
For those who've formed of my life a
part.

An Affectionate Seat.

Six of our young dudes the other
night discovered a friend "that stick-
eth closer than a brother," in the seat
that is placed in front of an uptown
hotel for the convenience of its guests.
It seems that some mischievous boys,
for want of something better to do,
placed a quantity of molasses on the
seat and then turned it upside down.
When the young men came along they
decided to have a seat. After righting
the bench they seated themselves
thereon, and smoked their "weeds."
After remaining there for a short time
they went to get up when to their sur-
prise the seat manifested a strong de-
sire to accompany them. After a few
desperate efforts the boys managed to
free themselves and made tracks for
their respective homes with all
possible haste, to meditate on their
mishap, and take the molasses from
the seat of their pants. The perpetra-
tors of this silly joke, if found out,
should be severely punished.

Jacob's Lament.

Adown his checks the teardrops rolled
And on his spreading lips
And pangs of anguish shot unto
His very finger tips.

What for? The pride of all his heart
His sweet and dusky fair:
When looked for in his homely cot,
He found she wasn't there.

The day slow wanes—the sun sinks
down

'Neath Glazier's lonely pines
The quiet river wanders on
Mid rafts and warping lines.

While far, beneath the stolid glance
Of stars and sombre moon,
They trip the light fantastic dance—
She and her dusky coon.

The Holiday.

Dominion Day passed off very quietly
but showed by the general display of
flags, and crowds of people that our
national holiday is slowly winning its
way to the public heart. As Canadians
we can have but one national holiday
and that is "Dominion" Day for the
present.

"Brummagem" Kids.

A party of 62 boys and girls from the
Charity School, Birmingham, England,
consigned to Col. Maunsell arrived here
on June 30. They are a very fair look-
ing lot of children considering the fact
that the home experience of such waifs
has generally been everything but hap-
py. Some of them have already secured
good homes and we hope they all will.
It is, however, a strange fact that our
merchants and farmers seldom think
of adopting any of our own New
Brunswick boys who owing to poverty
or loss of parents are forced to shift for
themselves at an early age, but grab
up the English kids like hot cakes.

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