

and no further proceedings were taken against him.

There were some instances of the slave being brought by his master into Canada with the intention of taking him back again, as was the case with James Somerset in England. Sometimes the slave became aware of his rights and refused to return. There were also many instances of slaves who had been brought by their masters to the side of the Rivers Detroit, Niagara, and St. Lawrence, effecting their escape across the river and becoming free.

One peculiarly shocking case had to do with a free person of colour. One Mink, a well-known livery-stable proprietor on King Street, Toronto, and a man of considerable means, gave

his daughter (who had little observable trace of negro blood) with a large dowry, to a white from the Southern States. The groom took his bride to his Southern home and promptly sold her as a slave. The father was forced to go to great expense to bring back to freedom and safety the outraged woman who in her marriage had experienced the perfidy of man to the uttermost.

It may be added that slavery ceased to exist in Upper Canada very shortly after the beginning of the 19th century. Public opinion was effective to cause the emancipation by will or deed of most of those who were held in slavery under the terms of the Act of 1793, and death set free the few remaining.

## SONG

By H. GORDON

SONGS are all for yesterday,  
Grief is on the morrow;  
Then let us sing of vanished play  
And heed not any sorrow.

Grief with all its tears and pain,  
Grief there's no denying,  
Lies before with days of rain  
And a cold wind sighing.

Then let us sing of yesterday  
And the children's laughter;  
Pleased again with old-time play,  
We care not what comes after.