

LOCAL TOPICS IN RHYME.

LET IT BE SOON.

When will our troubles here be o'er?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
And we like Moses view that shore?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
Where women never more will care  
To quarrel and pull each other's hair,  
But all in unity dwell there?  
O, let it be soon!

When will the Chinamen grow few?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
And white men get more work to do?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will they cease to cook our food,  
Our linen wash and split our wood,  
And legislation them exclude?  
O, let it be soon!

When will that landlord get his rent?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
And his fair antagonist repent?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will she pay up on the square,  
And no more landlords scratch and tear,  
Or seek to breathe a foreign air?  
O, let it be soon!

When will the Canada Western come?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
And make things 'round Victoria hum?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will the noise be heard afar  
Of iron horse and railroad car,  
And we behold the B. P. R.?  
O, let it be soon!

When will the council buy the tram?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
And "run in" every tin-horn gam?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will they see their "slivery" way  
To clean our streets, more sewerage lay,  
Or guard against the cholera day?  
O, let it be soon!

When will Broad Street extended be?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
And give our mart utility?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will the men who started to  
Explain the good 'twould surely do  
This all important work pursue?  
O, let it be soon!

When will police their use display?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
And drive the daring thugs away?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will they cease to cut a shine,  
And haul up innocence sublime,  
(Which posed as Uncle Hiram's sign)?  
O, let it be soon!

When will the Battery boys step in?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
And take the firemen's proffered tin?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will it cease, this flow of guff,  
'Bout firemen's grit and firemen's stuff?  
Of which we all have heard enough,  
O, let it be soon!

When will the Government buildings rise?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
Their domes in the ethereal skies?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will this noble work advance,  
And give the unemployed a chance,  
To get new patches on their pants?  
O, let it be soon!

When will Victoria girls decline?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,  
To introduce the crinoline?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon;  
When will they cease to bleach their hair,  
And no more paint and powder wear,  
And of our darling boys take care?  
O, let it be soon!

When will it ring the wedding bell?  
Let it be soon, let it be soon,

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Pierced by Cupid's ecstatic dart,  
Be on the matrimonial mart?  
O, let it be soon!

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