

Our schools, on system unsurpassed, increase,  
 And thou Toronto ! hast been aptly named,  
 Our " Educational Metropolis ;"  
 In early days (as now) thy schools were famed.

What, now, canst thou devote to Canada ?  
 Give scholars, judges, gifted men of sense,  
 Of science ; and give statesmen, learn'd in law ;  
 But patriotic all, without pretence.

Such must the *leaders* of the Nation be—  
 To shape, to guide, the Independent State ;  
 But first a *manhood suffrage* we must see,  
 'Twill come, 'tis due, why for it longer wait ?

Young men of Canada, demand this right !  
 Th' existing parties rule by turns ! New life  
 Can ne'er spring up, till in your youth and might,  
 You crush both down, and end their aimless strife.

Why does your country educate her youth ?  
 To fit them for her service, when they're men,  
 When are they men ? 'At twenty-one, in truth ;  
 Or never—even at three score and ten.

In Legislation have a voice, a vote ;  
 Of legislators, you should be the peers ;  
 You slaves are, else ; in peace, in war--*this note*—  
 Though forth to war you go as volunteers.

In British legislation, we've no voice ;  
 Our fisheries are sold, nay, giv'n away ;  
 The Yankee 'cute can o'er the gift rejoice,  
 Whilst we, for Fenian raids, receive no pay.

We have no voice in wars that Britain makes ;  
 Why should we be in danger when these rage ?