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#### DEFEND THE POMINION.

Defend our Dominion,
Great Ruler on high,
Whose wisdom assigned us
This good destiny.
From ocean to ocean,
Wherever feet tread,
In Thine own direction
Oh! may they be led.

Behold Thou, our cities,
With wealth pouring in,
Let it pass through the temple
To cleanse it from sin.
'Tis Thine to give riches
And make them secure,
By teaching the owners
To care for the poor.

Let harvest replenish
With heavy-filled hand,
And supply in abundance,

The wants of the land; Pure food for our spirits Send down from above, That we may grow daily, In virtue and love.

"Faith, Holiness, Wisdom,"
Our banner shall bear,
Send strength to uphold it,
By true-hearted prayer.
However men differ,
Here let them agree,
To love this fair country,
Vouchsafed them by Thee-

#### On Patriotism.

Cannot the love of country
Grow up within the breast,
Without that "baptism of blood"
Which now lacking, we are blest.

Is The war's wild roar and tumult,
The trumpet's thrilling blast,

The only rousing motive

To hold amor patriæ fast!

Must foes invade our peaceful homes,
Our sons and husbands lie
Racking with wounds, or passing
To the great eternity?
A foreign flag float o'er us?
No! that very thought can send
The calm blood flowing faster,
But to think of such an end.

Our flag is lying listless
In the still, soft air of peace,
Yet love of it, and of our land
Is on the wide increase.
Those who before have slighted
The rough, unpolished ways,
Begin to see that such things,
Will improve with length of days.

A country is not made at once;
Was ever child yet born
As wise and great as parent,
On its feeble natal morn?
E'er now have wise men knelt before,
A Babe in humble guise:

Thus may our land, in future days, To heights of glory rise.

Be glad, oh! Sons of Canada!

To bear her spotless name;

Though the shield is blank at present,
 It may yet show deeds of fame.

Better than earthly glory,
 Will be deeds of truth and love,

Exalting noblest féelings,
 Winning blessings from above.

### CLASP HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

Clasp hands across the sea!

Wild waves may part,

Loud breakers roar,

Distance divide—

Yet evermore,

True hearts may keep

Watch, faithfully,

For loved ones gone

Across the sea.

and the safety of

Clasp hands across the sea!

The spirit hand

Stretch forth to mine,
With pressure firm,
Let it entwine;
Telling of truth
Of helpful prayer,
Remembering all
Each other's care.

Clasp hands across the sea!

How deep, how wide,

Must waters be—

How many leagues

Of land or sea,—

How many days,

How many years,—

Silence, perhaps,

Bemoaned with tears,

Would it require?

Oh! could there be

A time that might

Divide from thee?

#### Quis Seperabit.

MOTTO 57TH BATTALION.

From thee our Country, who shall wean,
Our heart's pure homage while we breathe,
Be this our motto: "God! Our Queen!
Our Country!" round our hearts to wreath.
Quis Seperabit?

The first great name, we speak with awe,
And reverently intreat His aid,
That we may keep his holy law,
Which keeping none can make afraid.
Quis Seperabit?

Our Queen! Victoria's subjects all,
Rejoice and love to own her sway;
May every blessing on her fall,
Heaven long extend her happy day.
Quis Seperabit?

Our Country! land of hope and peace,
Bounded by seas on either side,
May thy prosperity increase;
We bear thy name with holy pride!
Quis Seperabit?

#### CANADA, OUR HOME.

Canada, our Home! Heaven shield thy shore, From foes encroaching, and war's hideous roar, Turn strife to peace, dissension into love, And discord's minor chords far hence remove. How wide thy lakes,—like seas without a tide—Fresh, calm and clear, reposing in their pride, Or, yielding to the sceptre of the wayward wind, On, on they dash, uplifting all they find.

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Canada, our Home, for thee we pray,
Through the vast sea of time God guide thy
way.

Canada, our Home, thy forests wave O'er freedom's soil, here toiled no wretched slave. Thy stately pines, when doomed at length to fall, Rejoiced they did it, to the free man's call. Dark in the shadow of thy clustering boughs, The wild birds nestle and exchange their vows; The graceful ferns, the moss and lichens rare, Are lowly worshippers in temples fair.

Canada; our Home! our prayers ascend Up through thy leafy aisles, to God, our Friend. Canada, our Home! bright dawns thy day,
Shall History's page bear good or ill away?
Oh! let thy sons be filled with anxious care,
Lest deed of theirs, with shame be entered there.
Let vice and falsehood wither on thy shore,
Let truth and virtue flourish evermore!
Trackless thy boundaries now, our much-loved home,

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And who can prophecy thy deeds to come? Canada, our Home, we pray for thee, Ruler of nations, thy defender be!

#### POMINION PAY.

Bring leaves of far-famed Maple,
The emblem of our land;
Bring flowers from field or garden,
And with wise designing hand,
Make wreaths to deck the portals
Of our homes, they should be gay
When time, with steady measure,
Brings round Dominion Day.

Let art record the number
Of the years that have gone by,
Since all agreed to be as one,—
Auspicious destiny!
Let it be long remembered,
That to-day we celebrate
The union of our Provinces,
And rejoicings should be great.

Let flags with quarterings ample Float on the passing wind,
That all, however distant,
Their portion there may find.
The red cross of old England,
The graceful fleur de lis,
The maple leaf and thistle,
The ship to sail the sea.

The beaver, wise and willing,
The royal lion, old,—
And yet not all are entered,
Nor the full number told.
Rise! with a pride of nation,
Wide seas beat either shore,
Our sun is only rising
To grow brighter more and more!

Let music give expression
From every heart this day,
Of our true love of country,
Whose tribute thus we pay.
Not idle words, but noble deeds,
Should all her sons aspire,
To pass, if need be, for her sake,
Through water or through fire.

With simple feast and gladness,
With voice of melody,—
Forgetting not less happy ones,—
So shall the days go by.
When evening passes into gloom,
Let not the light depart,
But fast from every window,
Illuminations start.

Thus, brightness through the darkness,
Shall speak of better things,
When time, each vessel of our own,
To the last haven brings.
Oh! may these simple efforts
Our true allegiance prove,
And bear a richer harvest
For the country which we love.

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