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Writes 'Em While You Wait—St. Catharines Born, America Acclaimed, Toronto Adopted.

(From Toronto Star Weekly)

A Quebec writer recently declared that Toronto has more literary culture than Montreal. One proof of that is the fact that another poet has taken up residence among us.

He is Leo M. Dorsey, a member of the colored race and a native-born Canadian whose birthplace is St. Catharines. He says, "Toronto is a good place for a poet to live in."

Though a black poet he is not a gloomy one. His youthful, unwrinkled face is wreathed with smiles and mobile with expressionistic rhythm. He voices the joys as well as sorrows of his race and writes Negro comics as well as spirituals.

"I can't get altogether away from the jazz stuff," he remarked. "I guess it's in the blood."

He is only 31 but he already has to his credit 500 poems and 60 lyrics. Though his songs are not of war, he is a warrior poet, for he was three years in the Canadian army. After the war he became a wandering minstrel and, like Ulysses and Edgar Guest, has seen many cities.

Competent critics hearing his poetical readings and dramatic recitations have declared that he is the greatest living Negro poet on this continent. Southerners who know their Negro minstrelsy affirm that he is the equal of Paul Dunbar who was to the black people what Homer was to the Greeks.

Judge Roberts of Lockport, N.Y., was his Maecenas and launched him on his poetical career. This patron who lived to see his protege attain success, praised him for his vivid word pictures and characters true to Negro life.

LAI D IT ON TO NEGROES.

MACON, Ga., May — After attempting for more than three weeks to fasten the crime on two Negroes, De Lois Clements, 19 year-old white boy, and the son of Telfair County's representative-elect in the state legislature confessed that he alone was responsible for the killing of L. J. Clegg, wealthy white citizen of McRae, Georgia.

The crime was committed on the night off April 8 and Clements was placed under arrest when he went to the police and told them that he took part in the killing. His first confession fastened the actual killing on two Negroes in McRae and named a prominent white man as the instigator of the crime.

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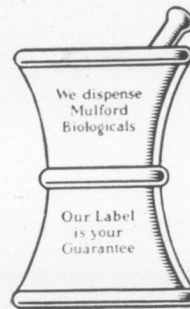
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