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Editorial**RECORDING OUR HISTORY.**

Twenty-five years ago it could have been truly said of the Negro in Canada that he had no history—that is, that he had no written history. His records were but a part, and a very obscure part at that, of the history of his race in the United States, since the Negro in Canada came almost always from the United States.

There has been a change taking place in these recent years. The history of the Negro in Canada is no longer obscure and the romance and the interest of his history in this country becomes more and more an object of interest and study. The extensive research work of men like Mr. Justice Riddell of the Supreme Court in Ontario and of Professor Fred Landon of the University of Western Ontario has resulted in the gathering together of the scattered threads and the weaving of these into a story that is now imperishable. Through the pages of magazines and the publications of historical societies of Canada and the United States they and others have printed extensive studies of Negro history so that generations to come will know how it was that the race entered Canada and what their life was like when they were in very truth co-pioneers with their white neighbors in the opening up of this new country.

The history of the Negro in Canada was given honor last autumn when at Windsor there was unveiled with fitting ceremony a bronze tablet recording the connection of Windsor and the Detroit River frontier in general with the workings of the famous underground railroad. City officials of Windsor joined with the Dominion representatives of the Historic Sites and Monument Board of Canada to pay tribute to the bravery and the intrepid character of those who made easier the way to freedom in the Queen's dominions and to recall the privations and the hardships of the black people who made their way to the British provinces where they could "shake the lion's paw."

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada is to be commended for its action in commemorating the underground railroad. If one might venture to suggest another field for its interest, it would be to mark in some way the connection of the City of Chatham with the enterprises of old John Brown whose "soul goes marching on." Brown held his famous convention of 1858 in the Canadian city of Chatham and in that city was doubtless planned the blow which came in 1859 and which startled a nation.

AUTHOR SEES PLAY "GREEN PASTURES"

NEW YORK, April — Roark Bradford whose writings inspired the production of the Pulitzer prize play, "Green Pastures," Saturday night viewed the play at the Mansfield Theatre for the first time since it opened 480 performances previous. With him was Marc Connelly, the playwright who actually wrote it from fables Bradford wrote of the Southern Negro's conception of heaven—fables that have brought him fame and fortune so swiftly that he still can hardly believe it. Bradford was kept in Sante Fe, N. Mexico, with his wife, who is ill, for ten months.

He arrived in New York on Friday and was met at the station by Richard B. Harrison, leading actor in the play who has the role of the "Lord." After the show he was taken to Harlem for a round of colored night clubs, and all this week he has been feted at dinners and teas.

Bradford receives a royalty from the play. He refused to consider sharing the Pulitzer prize with Connelly saying that it was absurd to think that he should have part of the prize.

From the copy desk job on a newspaper in 1928, Bradford has progressed to a point where he now has an income of close to \$50,000 a year.

LIBERIA WANTS AMERICAN NEGROES

CHICAGO, Apr. — Something of the importance which the Liberian government itself attaches to the proposed West Africa Cruise of the Liberian Development Association with headquarters in this city, is indicated in a letter just received by the Association from the secretary and aide-de-camp of the president of Liberia.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by His Excellency, the President to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your very interesting letter, apprising him of the organization, composition, and aims of your Association.

His Excellency wishes me to assure you that he is very much interested in, and is fully in accord with your intentions, which he welcomes as means of bringing Afro-Americans into that closer, personal and helpful contact with Liberia which is so necessary to each.

In spite of what has been said to the contrary, the Government of Liberia is sincerely desirous of encouraging the immigration of business men, engineers, artisans, and agriculturists who are fully prepared to do pioneer work, and are willing to conform to the laws of the country.

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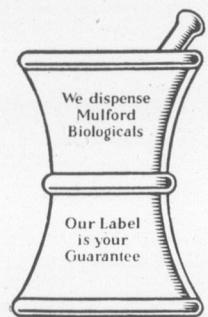
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