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### Editorial

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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

(From the Associated Negro Press)  
—It will be interesting to publishers to know that there has developed a fine appreciation of the power of the press in two fields of activity that mean much for success. First, the Colored business man and institutions are awake to this fact. They are admitting it in all places, and are backing up their discovery with business and sympathetic co-operation; secondly, the big advertising institutions of the country are learning that it pays to advertise in our newspapers. The writer of this note saw to-day a bonafide contract with one of the most famous advertising agencies of the country, by which a single newspaper is to receive within one year, for display advertising for one corporation, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars. Before this note reaches the publishers, this same newspaper, through the directing head of the same department, will close another contract for an amount exceeding sixteen thousand dollars. There is light ahead for the Fourth Estate. Stick to the oars and be progressive.

#### EDITORIAL

(By S. G. PARIS)

The colored people of the Dominion of Canada, number about 20,000. Of this they are distributed as follows through the various provinces; 7,000 in Nova Scotia, 5,000 in Ontario; 1000 in New Brunswick, and the remainder of the race settled in Western Canada. These statistics were revealed during the period of the late war, when our people demanded representation in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Without any further comment, our boys proved to the world that they were not behind the other races, and so doing brought credit to themselves, and placed the colored population in the foreground, thus removing much of the belief and prejudice so often expressed by the white race that the Negro is not capable nor qualified to take his place in world affairs. Surely it is worth white notice when one realizes the important part played by the colored boys of Nova Scotia during the period of overseas service. Two hundred men were engaged in the mines in the province, thus making it impossible for them to enlist although their part was as important

as those in actual service. Five hundred enlisted in No. 2 Construction Battalion. These, in company with the 350 recruits raised in Ontario, made a total of 850 men, or nearly one thousand who enlisted in the late war. If such a representation of colored citizens could be trained and equipped in so short a time for war work, especially in connection with construction work, surely it goes to show that this race of ours is capable of fulfilling our part of responsibility in industrial, social, and business affairs.

All that is necessary is that the colored people organize, and adopt methods, under systematic rules.

For example take Nova Scotia's colored population of 7,000, though sparsely scattered throughout the province. If, through organization, they could be brought into fellowship with one another, thus be a help to each other, the time would not be long before the entire province would be linked together by a method of business system. If such a plan was followed throughout the Maritimes, and the Dominion, with 20,000 population or more, which comprises more of our people than all the population of Hunts County, Windsor, N.S.; thus making eligible for Hunts to have representation at Ottawa. Surely our race, well organized, would be in a position to demand and ask for our rights, which at present, we are not getting. Never was there greater demand for the individual who wishes to become a leader for his race, and never was the need more urgent than at the present moment. But let it be remembered, if one is to become such an exponent, sacrifice selfishness, avarice, conceit, and bigotry, must be omitted.

#### Letters to the Editor

##### MR. S. G. PARRIS REPLIES TO EDITORIAL ON CO-OPERATION

Windsor, N.S.

Dear Sir:—

I learn from your recent editorial that you are asking for suggestions as to plans, place and time, for a convention of all our people to discuss the proposed business project.

I believe Halifax would be the appropriate city for the Maritime Provinces. Or, I would suggest Toronto, as there is such a business element of our people there. I do hope we as a race will decide to hold such a convention and that we will become organized. Respectfully,

S. G. PARRIS.

#### OLD TORONTO CITIZEN DIES

The death took place in the Western Hospital, on Sunday morning, of Mrs. Samuel Decoursey, who had been ill for about 18 months. She was one of Toronto's oldest colored citizens, having come to that city many years ago.

She was highly respected by all who made her acquaintance.

She is survived by her only daughter, Mrs. Frances Bowers, two grandsons and a granddaughter, to whom she was very much devoted. Her husband died about 20 years ago.

The funeral took place from the B.M.E. Church on Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. R. A. Ball officiated.

#### HE UNDERSTANDS

(By S. E. G. Allen)

Waves wash the shore, great billows overflow,  
Our barque looks frail amid the shifting sands,  
But One stands, by Whose secret heart to know,  
Is to confide in for He understands.

No tempest rages that he does not see;

His Power is equal to its stern demands.

Though threatening to engulf it may be,

We need not fear, because He understands.

By faith we walk in the appointed path,

At home, abroad, in distant foreign lands,

Where e'er He leads, we're safe, 'tis love, not wrath,

'Tis working for us, and He understands.

And who is this, in whom we thus confide?

Planets and suns are trifles in His hands.

And yet, He cares, each one of us to guide,

Great God of all, none else, He understands.

#### STRATFORD NOTES

Mrs. Groat, of London spent May the 4th with Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews.

Mrs. P. E. Bukler, of Lucan, en route from Hamilton, called on Mrs. Hisson and Mrs. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wesley had the misfortune of losing their cow.

Miss Hazel Wesley lost her pet duck nine years old.

Miss Gladys Armstrong of Listowel is spending a few days with Mrs. J. D. Hall.

There was a good service on Sunday night at the B.M.E. Church.

#### OWEN SOUND NOTES

Sunday was Mother's Day, which was very quietly observed here. The Church was decorated with flowers suitable for the occasion. The pastor preached a very impressive sermon about the sacredness of motherhood to a very fair congregation of people.

We are very sorry to report the death of Mr. Cornelious F. Tolbert, of Ann Arbor, Mich., father of Mr. Friday evening.

Rev. A. E. Richardson had a very painful accident happen to him last week by spraining his ankle, but was able to be out to take the services Sunday morning and evening but was quite lame.

The Stewardesses of the B. M. E. Church held a social in the church on Wednesday night, May 8th, which was a success.

Mr. Dorman Causby arrived home on April the 10th and is second cook with his brother-in-law on steamer Caribou.

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