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Editorial

CANADIAN CITIZENS

We colored folk are deeply interested in the welfare and in the prosperity of our country. Although, unlike any other people, there are many barriers between us and the high rewards for good citizenship and efficiency, we have never failed, when called up, to prove our love and loyalty to Canada. Our forefathers helped to construct the highways and railways, to clear the land and to build many villages, towns and cities. Whenever danger threatened from within or from without we were among the first to volunteer our services. History does not record an instance in which a person of Negro descent has ever even been suspected of traitorous designs. Our people have been content to labor and to live by the sweat of their brows, even though their labor and their lot were of the hardest kind.

In the matter of crime, statistics prove that our record compares favorably with any other class of citizens. We have been trained in Canadian schools, our aims, our objects, our standard of living, our ideas and ideals are purely Canadian. Africa is the home of our foreparents, but Canada is our own home. And so, it is just as natural for us to be filled with patriotism for Canada as it is for any other class of citizens. And yet how often are we called upon to close our eyes to petty insults, to mean discrimination and to small prejudice. The wonder is that we can and do overlook this smallness in life and that our lamp of inspiration keeps ever burning. How many other races could come out of this severe test, this fiery crucible, without spot or blemish? We hear of our Government doing everything possible to encourage the RIGHT kind of immigrants to come to Canada. This is right and proper. But would it not be a little "more right" and proper, just a little more humane, just a little more Christian-like, to assist and encourage our colored citizens who have proven themselves worthy of our high standard of citizenship? Surely they are not casting their pearls before swine!

We are constantly being asked these days what kind of Government we desire to see at Ottawa. First of all and above all, we want to see a Gov-

ernment in power which looks upon all men as equals, one which judges men by the worth of their souls rather than by such artificial and arbitrary standards as race, creed, color or political affiliation; a Government which will sacrifice party interest for the good of the whole people; a Government which by fair and just laws will bring prosperity and happiness to Canada; one which will give us an honest administration, free from graft and corruption.

You may ask how we shall be able so to judge a Government when the issues are so beclouded by a multiplicity of claims and counter-claims, charges and counter-charges, by each one of the contending parties. We answer that we can no more judge than you. But one thing is certain. We are doing our very best to discover which side is right and just and true, and be sure you, sir, when we have found this out we shall follow that side to its journey's end.

"NEW NEGRO" A NEW PHYSICAL TYPE, DECLARES WRITER IN "CURRENT HISTORY"

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.)

Writing in the September number of Current History Magazine, Melville Herskovitz, of the Anthropology Department of Columbia University, reports that a new physical type of Negro is being developed in the United States. Mr. Herskovitz arrived at his conclusion after an examination of 2,000 individuals in Harlem and at Howard University.

The results indicate that the U. S. census figures which state that only 20 per cent. of American Negroes are mulatto, understate the amount of mixture which has gone on, and the results obtained by Mr. Herskovitz indicate that probably 80 per cent. had mixed ancestry. This figure might be slightly reduced, Mr. Herskovitz states, because his measurements were undertaken in the North.

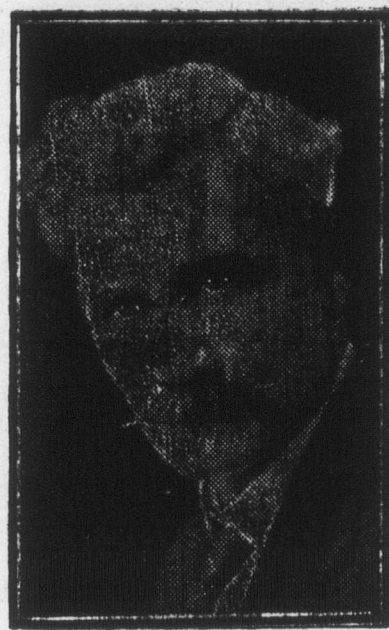
The new type disclosed by the measurements is tending to become a stable one, he believes, since there is increasing social pressure against associating with members of opposite groups among both Negroes and whites, North and South. Mr. Herskovitz instances a recent investigation of illegitimate children conducted in Harlem which showed that in only 7 cases out of 500 were the fathers alleged to be white.

Mr. Herskovitz, who finds that the "New Negro" in his physical measurements occupies a position between the African and the white man, concludes as follows:

"On the face of the results which have been obtained from this study—which, it must be confessed, barely scratches the surface of this field—it seems that from now on we shall have to think of the American Negro not as an African type in which there has been mixed a small amount of white blood, a mixture which is still continuing and that will continue long enough finally to achieve the absorption of the Negro into the dominant white population. We must think rather in terms of this New Negro, with his relatively homogeneous form and relatively stabilized type, who has solved the business of living in this American culture, and who, with his start fairly won, will press on in the American community as a full-fledged member of it."

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