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### Editorial

IS IT BECAUSE I AM BLACK?

A few weeks ago the Hon. Sam Clark, M.P. from N. Hamilton, saw fit to criticise Sir Adam Beck and his management of the Hydro Commission. Mr. Clark told of a visit he paid to the Hydro office in Tor-Teher he saw as one of the chief clerks a mulatto Negro. This, according to the Hon. Sam, was beyond all rules of decency, a thing which surpassed the bounds of decorum. However the only objection to there are a few people even today the employee in question was that he was a mulatto Negro.

Hamilton taken the pains to investigate he would have found out that this colored clerk has seen service over- also, that there are people within the seas in the late war, was an officer, was decorated for bravery, was wounded and as the result of this wound he is incapacitated for manual der the sun for any pessimism on the labor. Further, he would have ascertained that the colored man is a cultured gentleman, entirely capable of holding the position he now occupies and a much better one which he would probably be holding if it were not for the accident of birth.

Another fact mentioned by the Hon. Sam in his attack was that the colored man was being paid a salary of \$150.00 per month. This was to his mind these worst phase of the whole situation. Will someone kindly inform the Hon. Sam that there is a population of 2500 colored people in Toronto; that during one month they pay several hundreds of dollars into the coffers of the Hydro treasurer, and that this part of the British Empire, at any rate does not exclude its colored citizens either by practice or law from skilled positions.

cessity be construed in the light of tim of the Boston Massacre in 1770, an affront to the whole race, shows littlesness on the part of the person at the colored press club bearing his who made it. We like to look upon our law makers as big, broad, brainy men. We like to believe they have risen beyond the class or caste system and that they can see only two classes of citizens in this great country-good citizens and bad citizens. But when we see some of our M.P.s, whose motives are actuated by selfishness and petty prejudice we must conclude that the only way we can keep our ideas high concerning our statesmen is to keep the little fel- wishes to the club for this occa-

## Negro Business **Progress**

The following are excerpts, printed in the Southern Workman, from an address by Dr. R. R. Moton, president of the National Business League, some time ago:-

When the National Negro Business League was organized in Boston twenty years ago the aggregate number of business organizations corporate and individual, owned and operated by colored people was not more than 20,000 with a combined capital of 10,000,000. Today they own and operate 60,000 with a combined capital of 360,000,000. The Negro owns in America more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of property real and personal, whereas when the Declaration of Independence was adopted the combined capital of the entire nation was about \$500,000,000.

We have now 72 successful Negro banks. We should and could have There are many cities with large Negro population where leaders in business among Negroes could accomplish any reasonable business enterprise if it were properly managed. Durham, Savannah, Atlanta, Richmond, Norfolk, New York, with many others, are setting notable examples in the possibilities of this race to accomplish large results. Yet who question the progress of the Negro. Thank God, those people who Had the honorable member from doubt the ability of the Negro to succeed along business lines grow less and less. We must keep in mind, race who sometimes thoughtlessly question the ability of their race to succeed: gut there is no reason unpart of anyone as to the Negro's ability and determination to succeed along all lines of human endeavor.

### Negro Gets Govt. Post

Boston, Mass, Feb. 4-William L. Reed, Esq., who has held the position of messenger under twelve governors, has been appointed Executive Secretary to the Governor's Council Massachusetts through the acts of the retiring Governor Channing H. Cox, and the support of the new Governor Alvin T. Fuller. His appointment was confirmed at once by the Council. A salary of \$4,500 a year is attached to the position.

### Attacks Painting

Preston News Service.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 4-A painting by William Sam Noisette, of Such an attack, which must of ne- Crispus Attucks, colored patriot vicwas unveiled last Wednesday night name, 1501 Eleventh street.

In connection with the unveiling, President Coolidge addressed a letter to the club, in which he said:

"It seems particularly appropriate for such an honor to be done to the memory of this colored man who as a victim of the Boston Massacre of March 5, 1770, was one of the very first Americans to make the great sacrifice in the cause of our country's independence. I send my good sion.

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