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Editorial

THE CASE OF THE COLORED WAITERS

Since our last publication we have received a letter from the authorities to whom we wrote concerning the removal of colored waiters from the International Limited. While the League deems it inexpedient to publish the letter at present we may say that the reason given for removing the colored waiters from the government railway is entirely unsatisfactory to The Executive. In the first place the letter begs the question. In the next place it argues by circumlocution. In the third place it reveals very clearly (although it does not so state) that it was a matter of color prejudice pure and simple which caused the boys to be replaced by white boys.

The authority states in his letter that they have tried hard to bring the colored dining car crews up to the standard set by the white crews. A lot of apple sauce! The verdict of the travelling public is that the efficiency and courtesy lie on the balance for the colored crews. We are prepared to present this official with an elaborate list signed by the best people in Canada, testifying to the excellent service of the colored waiters.

The official also states that he intends to take care of all the removed waiters who are ENTITLED to be taken care of and who can be made to "fit in." More and more apple sauce! They have placed some of these boys on summer runs as porters and waiters. What will be done with them when these runs are closed? Where can they then be made "to fit in?" But even though these jobs were permanent ones the fact remains that no new avenues of employment have been opened while thirty jobs have been closed to colored men. The fact is all the more deplorable since colored men in Canada have so few avenues open to them.

The standard service of ALL dining cars on the American continent has been set by colored men. What a travesty upon justice and truth it is to say that colored men can not keep up to the standard they have set themselves. It is a coincidence that as Canada's government road was tak-

ing off its colored help for inefficiency, the New York Central was removing the last vestige of its white crew—cooks on the 20th Century—and were putting on colored cooks. It is a well known fact that Canadian diners have copied the standards set by the New York Central and other big roads in the States. Why claim then that Colored boys cannot keep up to this standard?

In an interview with the Advisory Board in Toronto we were told to carry the fight to the last ditch. From the general manager of the dining cars to the president of the road, from the president to the commissioner of railways; from the commissioner to the Premier of Canada. This is the determined stand of the whole Executive. We do not claim that our efforts will have the effect of replacing the colored waiters on the International Limited but we cannot see an injustice done our people without using every means at our disposal to to have any wrongs righted.

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THE DEATH OF R. F. FIELDING

He never dreamed death could so cruel be,
 Life seemed so full of promise, hopes were bright,
 A brilliant future only could he see,
 In such deep loved surrounding, all was light.

—Mrs. S. E. G. Allen

The death of Mr. R. F. Fielding came with almost tragic suddenness. He and Mrs. Fielding were returning from Montreal where they had spent a very pleasant vacation. They stopped over at Kingston and it was there he was stricken suddenly and died several days afterwards.

In the death of Mr. Fielding the community has lost one of its most efficient craftsmen, one of its best citizens and a devout Christian. The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People and its official organ, "The Dawn of Tomorrow" has sustained a great loss in his untimely death. He has printed The Dawn from its inception. He stood by it in some of its darkest days, and had it not been for his deep and unselfish interest, the paper would have been forced to cease operation long since. He was attached to The Dawn with a genuine heart interest. Its reading matter, appearance, and its general make up was a matter of great concern to him. While not a member of the League he has done much to further its interests. The excellent advice and the material assistance which he gave The League have been equal to that of its executive members, in fact, we looked upon him as an executive. We have often attempted to put these facts in print before, but, modest and retiring as he was, he always discouraged it.

To such a character, to such a friend, we owe a debt of gratitude. The good he did for our cause will live on with the years. And so, as a fitting tribute to one who served us so well The Dawn is asking each Branch of The League to stand with bowed heads and in silent prayer for one minute at the beginning of its next regular meeting.

TORONTO

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marin and Mrs. E. Smith of Buffalo visited their parents for a week at their home in Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Smith.

Mr. J. Richards, Sullivan St., wishes to express his gratitude and appreciation of the kindness and attention shown him by his many friends while ill in the Western Hospital, where he underwent an operation.

Mr. J. Richards paid a week's visit to St. Catharines, visiting at the home of Mrs. B. Brewster.

A glorious day was enjoyed by all who attended services at the Church on Sunday. In the morning the pastor preached from Deut. 33: 27. Sub. "The Dwelling Place of the Soul." The message was very inspiring as well as encouraging to the weary and heavy laden Christian, man or woman. In the evening the pastor again delivered a masterful sermon from St. Luke 19: 26. Had Jesus left us this one brief story only, we should have had three of life's most important lessons, said the speaker in introducing the subject; "To him that hath." The first lesson. The great possibilities of life, the second lesson. Responsibility, and the third lesson, A Warning. You are consciously or unconsciously choosing your own destiny. Mankind little realizes that a failure to choose the good immediately is of itself a choice of the bad. Postponing a decision is itself a decision. That undeveloped pound determine a destiny.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Daniel Graene, worshipped with us on Sunday at the evening service.

The Church and community in general, beg to extend to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Howard of 135 Lindsay Ave. expressions of deepest sympathy, in the decease of their eldest daughter, Edna, who departed this life on Wednesday, July 7th, 1926.

B.M.E. Church Garden Party, July 27th on the lawn of Mrs. E. Smith, 429 Dundas St.

Home Service Association Garden Party, August 12th on the lawn of Dr. I. H. Lewis, 590 Christie St.

Union Picnic, Pt. Dalhousie, August 5th.

The Annual Picnic to Center Island auspices of Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Brewster, Tuesday, August 10th.

"Go where you wish, but Go Somewhere."

Rev. R. R. Ball of Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. R. A. Ball, Mrs. Edna Parker, and Dawn Sloman of Ponty Pool, Ontario, were in the city last week.

Mr. C. Andie Johnson and his Sunday School staff with a number of the children of the B.M.E. Church School, held their picnic at Center Island on Friday, July 16th. All report a very enjoyable day and plenty of good things to eat.

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