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Editorial

MR. W. V. FRANKLIN'S VICTORY

British Justice has again asserted itself and has again placed itself on record as knowing no person or persons by the color of their skin.

Last summer one, W. V. Franklin, a watch-maker of Kitchener, Ont., a well educated and highly respected citizen of the Dominion was visiting in our city. It so happened that at noon hour Mr. Franklin became hungry (it is too bad that he should become hungry in a strange city). Thereupon he went into The Cave restaurant and asked to be served with dinner. He was refused. Franklin acted as any other Britisher with the British spirit would have acted. He instituted a suit for damages. He maintained from the first, as he stated in the witness box at the trial, that he was not seeking a judgement in which there would be a great sum of money involved but rather he was seeking to ascertain whether the laws of this country would allow The Cave restaurant or any restaurant to refuse to serve a British subject because of his color. "I am not fighting" said he, "to soothe my own injured feelings. I am taking this stand for the benefit of all peoples of color, for generations of colored children yet unborn. Again, I want to prove to Mr. Evens and to all the world that the majesty of the British law will book no prejudice."

Mr. Franklin's statement was correct for on the 10th day of February, the Middlesex assizes awarded him damages against A. Evens for refusing to serve him (Franklin) a meal.

We have always had the profoundest respect for British laws, and the outcome of Mr. Franklin's suit serves to emphasize the difference between the laws of our own country and those of certain other countries.

In a recent article in our paper we stated that the colored people of London stood solidly behind Mr. Franklin. On the whole we did stand behind him but a few there were who doubted the wisdom of his procedure, believing, as they expressed it, that his case would cause ill feeling between the races. May we here state that some of London's foremost citizens (white) have called us over the telephone to congratulate Mr. Franklin and the entire race, stating that the results of the trial were gratifying to them.

May I also state that nothing in respect is ever gained by cringing or by showing that we believe ourselves to be less than men. Nothing will

ever be gained by submitting to treatment which is less than that due to any British subject. "Manliness without defiance, forbearance without surrendering our rights," should be our motto. Instead of lowering us in the estimation of our neighbors, I am convinced that the Franklin case has raised us a few notches higher in the estimation of our neighbors.

CONTRIBUTIONS SOLICITED

In view of the fact that the expense of the Franklin Evens' case was borne by Mr. Franklin alone, that the monetary damages awarded him by the courts is far below the actual cost to him, that he is a poor man with a large family to support, that his cause was the common cause of all who believe in justice and especially the cause of all dark people, we the undersigned do subscribe the following amount in order to assist Mr. Franklin to defray the cost of the court:

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ANONYMOUS HAS A WORD

TO SAY

I have followed with pleasure the Unknown Knight,
And his babblings with rapture I've enjoyed,
But surely the things that he says are a fright;
And our interest in them soon destroyed.

His ravings have been to many of us A very deplorable sight.
Until we've decided it was better thus

That he be given a brief respite.

Now this fellow Seely, we liked his style;
And thought him a real good chap.
But when we discovered his cunning smile,
With caution we dodged a mishap.

Talk about your ancient poets, of a hundred years ago;
They gave us lullabys and sonnets too,
But the ravings of friend Seely and this Unknown Knight will show
What the wise men of our twentieth century do.

And then Old Timer comes along and says a word or two
In a very decided and emphatic way,
What he says we have no doubt at all that every word is true;
But his sayings cause worry and dismay.

The travels of Old Timer seem extensive and so grand
And his experiences thru life are much lamented
But his feastings on that alkali, garnished with the sand,
Gives sufficient proof that Old Timer was contented.

Au revoir! my dear friend Seely, Unknown Knight, Old Timer too:
We shall not exhaust our wits in this refrain,

MONTREAL NOTES

The Union Sunday School enjoyed a rare treat on Sunday, being entertained by Mrs. Greenleaf and Miss Jack, of St. John N.B.

Mr. Percy Nurse of Trinidad, B.W.I. has been quite ill at his residence on Atwater Ave.

Mrs. Maud Mills, organist of Bethel A.M.E. Church who has been confined to her home through illness for the last four weeks is able to resume her duties.

We are pleased to congratulate Miss Regina Reid on having had a very successful year as teacher in the William Dawson School.

The Ladies' Art Club met at the home of Mrs. George Jones where a splendid afternoon was spent.

Miss Irene Hall (stenographer) who has been visiting New York was called home through the illness of her mother.

The Christian Endeavour League of Bethel A.M.E. Church gave a supper at the parsonage. It was a decided success.

Mrs. Gladys Astwood (Piano teacher) after an illness of some weeks, is able to be around in Montreal circles again.

The many friends of Mrs. E. Lyons will be pleased to know that after a very severe illness she is on the road to recovery.

The U.C.T.U. was entertained on Tuesday evening by Mrs. G. B. Walters.

At the Sunday School Conference on Friday 8th at Amherst Park Church, the Union School was represented by the following delegates: viz. Mrs. B. Johnson, Mr. G. Elliott, Mrs. R. Mays, Mrs. A. Austin, M. E. Elliott.

We are glad to see Mr. Edward Taylor of Green Ave., back again from Chicago.

Mr. Henry Stucker, of New York who has been visiting large cities in the U.S. in the interests of his newspaper "The Tattler" is spending a few days with his brother in Verdun.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson of Verdun had as their guest on Sunday the 10th Mrs. Mabel L. Ashe of the public school teaching staff of Windsor or N. S.

But in your feeble efforts, what e'er you try to do,
Remove the little tempting frills
and make the things more plain.

ANONYMOUS

This column has attracted a great deal of attention ever since its inception, and we have had many favorable reports from our readers. We are especially indebted to Messrs Seely and Unknown Knight for their entertaining verse. There is now on sale at all music stores, a new song entitled "Ivan" of which the words and music have been written by Seely himself. We heartily recommend this song to all lovers of popular music.

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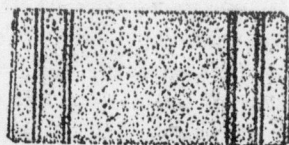
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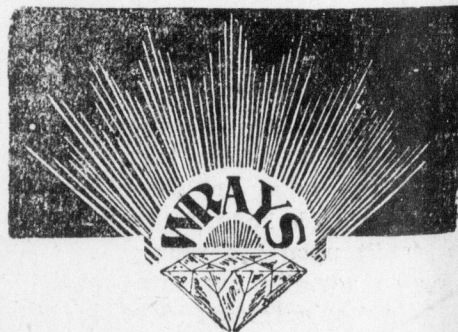
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