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## Editorial

### THE CONTEST

The contest: Our People in Canada, owing to the many requests from our young people for an extension of time and for the privilege to submit more than 300 words, the management has granted both requests. So, instead of closing the contest on December 1st, as previously announced, the contest will close January 5th. Contestants are also permitted to send in as many as 500 words instead of 300.

We are delighted to see the genuine interest and great enthusiasm manifested by our young people in the contest. It speaks volumes for the spirit of race pride and race consciousness which is awakening within the breasts of our children. This is the spirit which we have been praying for as race consciousness is one of the most potent factors in the development of any race.

That there is a necessity to gather historical data concerning the race is shown by the great interest that such eminent and public spirited citizens as Sir Adam Beck, Mayor Wenige and Mr. E. R. Dennis have shown in the contest. As soon as they read of the contest they voluntarily offered the first, second and third prizes respectively. They felt that the prizes should be worth while competing for and of course knowing of our financial condition, they themselves assumed the responsibility, offering the prizes.

We have gone to great lengths in order to make the contest a success, and while we have received several papers we feel that indeed many more should have come in. We are desirous of seeing our youth show an interest in the race and to express their gratitude to the donors of the prizes by entering wholeheartedly into the contest. The subject: "Our People in Canada" is not difficult to write upon, nor is it difficult to find important and interesting data concerning the race. For instance we were in Toronto recently, on which we visited the City Hall and Public Library. We gathered enough information in two hours to write a historical treatise of the early colored settlers which would hardly be contained in 1000 words. We talked with some of the older citizens: they gave us facts and figures which would fill a book. "Go thou and do likewise," and remember this, whoever you may be, YOUR CHANCES ARE JUST AS GOOD TO WIN A PRIZE AS ANYONE ELSE'S CHANCES ARE!

### SEELY REPLIES TO THE UNKNOWN KNIGHT

Oh hearken! thou conceited Knave  
("The Unknown Knight" was all the name you gave)  
Your power at verse, I'd not at all diminish  
But you have started what you'll never finish.  
Your challenge read, I'll now give you a tip:—  
From off my shoulder you have knocked the balanced chip.

I'm in the ring, with second close behind  
And e'er the finish you will surely find  
That rhyme and rhythm and scintillating phrase  
Are my delight, like sunshine to the gaze.  
Not for honor do I write, and not for gain,  
But just to squelch your egotistic brain.

You say you're sure you'll lay me in the dust  
I laugh with scorn, you fill me with disgust.  
For, in the game of writing, like a few,  
I have forgotten more than e'er you knew.  
I'll treat a subject to be understood by all,  
Not a lot of piffle about Thessaly and Gaul.

My verse will be descriptive of the terrifying sea,  
Of the wild wind whining and the grief that came to me,  
When the ocean black and trustless washed my little bark ashore,  
And he cruel rocks to westward caused me woe for evermore;  
Of the gallant rescue party, who fought against great odds,  
Where husky men were helpless, in this turmoil of the Gods.

Oh! the weeping and lamenting and the anguish to the brain:  
Oh! the sobbing and the mourning, and the agonizing pain.  
'Twould be sad if I could tell you what this all has meant to me;  
Could but explain the details of this horror by the sea.  
But here, I can't continue, for my tears do fall by nines,  
And I would not dare go further, for I've written thirty lines.

SEELY

The man with one joke should be required by law to keep a list of the people he has already told it to.

Major: "Bill has musical feet."  
Minor: "Yes?"  
Major: "Two flats."

Djer-kiss: "What do you think? The young Romeo asked me to sit on his lap last night."  
Pompeian: "He did? What did you do?"  
Djer-kiss: "I sat on him hard."

Her cheeks were pink as pink could be.  
A natural flush such color ain't,  
And all who passed her by could see She had her new fall coat

—Of Paint

Mary: "Mamma, were you at home when I was born?"  
Mother: "No, dear, I was at grandma's in the country."  
Mary: "Wasn't you awful s'prised when you heard about it?"

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