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Editorial

ONTARIO OR MISSISSIPPI?

A few days ago Dr. Benjamin Cohen, his wife, Dr. Minnie Cohen and Dr. George Wendell Morrison (colored), all prominent physicians of Toronto were in Hamilton on professional business. At noon they went to the Connaught Hotel for lunch. When they attempted to enter the dining room the head waiter refused to admit them, stating to the party that all of the hundred or more tables were reserved. In the meantime two ladies were admitted who had not made any reservation. Cohen immediately sought the manager and asked why his party was refused service. He (the manager) pointed to Dr. Morrison, the colored physician, and asked: "Is he in your party?" "Yes," was the answer. He then stated that the party could not be served. Whereupon Dr. Cohen sent a porter in search of the proprietor, Mr. Geo. O'Neil, stating to him the circumstances, who sent instructions to the manager to serve the party. "I am manager around here, and I won't take orders from anybody," stormed our self-important Of course Dr. Cohen and his party were forced to let the matter drop there, not for "keeps" and forever, however, for there are many more chapters to be read of this interesting episode.

Chapter number two begins with issuing of a writ at Osgoode Hall on behalf of Dr. Benjamin Cohen, Dr. Minnie Cohen,, graduates of Toronto University, and Dr. Geo. Wendell Morrison, graduate of Dalhousie University, whose M.D. degree entitles him to practice in any part of the British Empire. The writ was issued by E. Lionel Cross, LL.B., (colored) and Myer Rotstein, both of Toronto.

Chapter number three will tell whether this country or any country can remain half free and half slaves and other stars of the tennis world. -whether in THIS country, at any rate, men can be mistreated, insulted pionships in tennis for all the Junior and humiliated with impunity, who, High School students of Philadelphia, for the reason of their attainments last week. and their usefulness are entitled to vicious influences which must be com- he has shown remarkable ability. batted every time they arise; and we propose to determine since when Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior high, have the customs of Alabama or Mississippi been in vogue in this coun- an opponent from the Vare Junior try." And may we add that if Can- High School, for the city championada is seeking to outdo the Southern ship.

States in their program of hatred and discrimmination, the incident of the Connaught Hotel, together with a few other cases which we have under observance, show that Canada has made a good start toward her goal.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People came into existence to meet first of all, the economic and industrial problems which confront us. However to protect our rights as citizens is just as much an issue with us. We therefore take this opportunity to inform the plaintiffs in this case that we stand solidly behind them to the limit of our influence and finances. Such occurrences as this one simply emphasize the necessity of united endeavour on the part of colored people, of some sort of organization which would bind us together by a common bond of unity. We once heard the executive secretary of the St. Louis branch of the Urban League say: "I have heard some of you Canadian people say there is no need of such an organization as the League here in Canada. You poor souls, (I am sure he should have said, 'you poor fools') you need a league more than we do." I heartily agree with the sentiment. We have just enough liberty given us to beguile us. There is just enough hypochrisy here to deceive and mislead us, or some of us. Except on the part of a few loyal friends there is a studied and calculated indifference and a silent sinister prejudice towards our people in this country which must be fought with all our resources. If we cannot be brought to the point to see conditions as they exist we shall soon be forced out of Canada. As the situation now is, we are losing our talented adults and our ambitious boys and girls. If then, any part of our group is to remain in Canada we must as a whole fight for a real man's chance.

Rescues Three Trapped Under Blazing Car

Peidrice A. Jerome, of St. Louis, and a woman and child, narrowly escaped death in Baltimore last week when an automobile in which the three were riding was wrecked. The heroism of a passerby, Robert Hicks, 26, probably averted any serious casualties. Hicks pulled the victims out of the blazing machine, which trapped them when it overturned. were taken to the hospital for minor treatment. The car was completely destroyed by the flames.

Edward Ashe, who would aspire to be as Tally Holmes, Edgar Brown walked away with the singles cham-

The fifteen year old Quaker City a square deal. As lawyer Cross ex-lad took to the tennis game about presses it: "This is just one of those two years ago. Since that time Young Ashe, representing the worked up to the finals, and beat

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