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THE TIMES  
Port Limon, Costa Rica (C. A.)

### The Negro In Canada.

#### OFFENSE CAUSED BY IMMIGRATION FROM SOUTHERN STATES.

(BY A TORONTO CORRESPONDENT.)

There has been discussion in Parliament and in the Press over the arrival in Western Canada of 200 negroes who will settle on free homestead land in the Athabasca Landing district, north of Edmonton. It is said the movement threatens to become formidable, and that within the year 5,000 negroes may seek homes in the Peace River country. This, however, is probably an exaggeration arising out of the alarm which the invasion has excited. It is freely argued that the experience of the Southern States show such immigration to be undesirable, and that it should, therefore, be prohibited by the Dominion Government.

The 300 negroes who have just arrived entered the country at Emerson, in the Province of Manitoba, and were subjected to rigorous examination by the immigration officials, but under the law none of them could be refused admission. All had money, all were in good health, and apparently of good moral standing. The fact that they had a family possessed in money was 300.00 (\$60), and they brought also household effects and farm implements. A similar party of Oklahoma to Canada over a year ago and settled in the neighbourhood of Athabasca Landing, where they seem to have prospered and to have proved adaptable to the country. Amongst other proposals for restricting this class of immigration it is suggested that Dominion Government should refuse homesteads to negroes or should impose on coloured people a head tax as it does on Chinese. It is pointed out, however, that the negroes are American citizens, and that such heroic measures might arouse feeling at Washington. Moreover, it is doubtful if such measures would have the approval of the Canadian people. We pride ourselves on the fact that Canada was a haven for negro fugitives down to the emancipation of American slaves in the sixties, and it is seldom that negroes are excluded from markets or subjected to other special social or public indignity in the Dominion. On the other hand, if it be true that we are only at the beginning of a formidable movement of negroes from the Southern States into the free lands of Western Canada, there is certain to be a demand for as rigorous regulations as may safely be devised to prevent or limit negro immigration.

#### THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE.

The experience of older Canada, however, does not justify apprehension. Twenty years ago in the northern part of York County in the neighbourhood of Toronto there was a village of nearly 100 negroes. Only half a dozen remain. In Kent and Essex Counties there were two or three considerable negro villages, in one of which it was believed the original Uncle Tom, of Mrs. Stowe's story lived out the 25 years of his life. His name was Benson, and as was told on one occasion that only a few would have deserted a master

from whom he was always certain to obtain a clothes, food, and lodging. His son answered very quietly, "The place is still vacant. You lay have it." It was, however, upon a negro village which could not provide an original Uncle Tom. These old negro settlements throughout Ontario have almost ceased to exist. Twenty-five or thirty years ago there were many negro barbers in Toronto, now there are few, and hardly a single negro waiter. One rarely meets a coloured person in Canada except on the dining and Pullman cars of the great through railway trains. The truth is that the severity of the Canadian climate either kills the negro or drives him back to the South.

Winnipeg has also to consider a coloured problem. Negroes from the West Indies residing in Winnipeg have organized a cricket club and were applied for admission to the Intermediate Cricket Association. Many cricketers declare that they will refuse absolutely to play with negroes, while another wing of the Association insists that they are British subjects and must be admitted to the Cricket League on the same condition as the white Club. Possibly our boasted toleration for negroes in Canada is explained by their scarcity.

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### Current News

The Hamburg American Line of steamer Prinz Wilhelm is expected to arrive early this morning from Jamaica via Colon.

The "Zent" consigned to the United Fruit Company sailed into port yesterday morning from Manchester with the following passengers: E. Pordage, J. Kermack and wife, and Mrs. H. Suedon.

The gasolin auxiliary schooner Alva arrived from Bluefields, Nicaragua, with the following passengers: J. Price, S. Lee, L. Davis, I. Watson, J. Roberts, M. Moss, A. S. Lee, Captain Porter, and E. Arnesen.

The following passengers left on the "Heredia" on Wednesday last for Colon: Leonard Arguilla, Salvador Cardenal, A. R. St. Croix, Luis Bova and wife, Melchor Tovar, Miss Celia Ramirez, H. S. Campbell, C. Tejada Gonzalez, Jose de la Villamil, E. H. Tyler, Manuel Leder and 14 deckers.

Among the passengers that arrived yesterday by the gasolin schooner Alva from Bluefields was Mr. Sun Lee, the Consul for the U. S. A. at San Jose. Mr. Lee left here about eight months ago for Nicaragua, where, as was at the time, in consequence of a recent revolution in that Republic. It will be remembered that 2000 slaves from Costa Rica suffering from a fever of Carthage during the last earthquake. It was the instrument of getting down from the Canal Zone several canvas tents to assist the tropical stricken people.

The s.s. "Heredia" is expected to-day from Colon with mails and passengers. She will leave in the evening for New Orleans. The "Española" is also expected from New York to-day with mails and passengers.

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## Horrible Murder. A Type of Humanity.

### Man Stabs His Wife Fatally.

#### SISTER A TRAITOR.

The Murderer Still at Large.

A horrible and cold blooded murder took place yesterday morning at about a quarter to five, at a two-story house opposite the Plaza de Toro, three doors from Mr. Field's house. The deceased name was Adina Sartridge and hailed from St. Thomas-ye-East, Jamaica, and was married some years ago to William Sartridge. The pair lived happily together for some time and it is alleged that recently they quarrelled very often which generally ended in blows by both parties.

The man was a labourer and worked on Mr. Morris' farm at Bananita, Banana River. On Thursday morning last Sartridge left his house at 3 o'clock and went out and returned home about an hour after. Previous to leaving the house he and his wife had a talk. When he returned he found her awake. He again left the house apparently for work, but like the first time he returned only to see her still up. He again left the house immediately as if he was going to work. He had the woman goodbye, shaking her hand. At this time he did not remain for any length of time and while returning he met a neighbour of his who lived in the adjoining house, and he asked him why he returned, when he replied "Rain turned me back."

When he got into the house the man in the adjoining room heard the drawing of a chair on the floor and a few seconds after he heard Mrs. Adina Sartridge cried out "Lord, murder!" The next door neighbour rushed for the room and found the woman sitting on the bed with a wound in her abdomen. She was then unconscious, and immediately after she fell on the bed and died half an hour after.

While the woman breathes her last she never spoke only muttered wildly. The man was not to be seen after committing the foul deed. An active search was made for him in the neighbourhood but no clue of him could be traced.

It is supposed that the man used a small sharp and small weapon as only a small wound was seen and the flow of blood was very little.

The woman was the mother of three little children, their ages ranging from two and a half years to eleven years. When seen by our reporter the woman was lying on her bed face downwards.

As is generally the case with the lower class of Jamaicans, the outcome of these horrible acts are mostly through the unfaithfulness of the part of the woman. From information gathered on the spot by our representative it appeared that the deceased woman had a sister who apparently was possessed of some knowledge of her sister's waywardness with another male individual; and adopting a mode that is characteristic of her class she used to tell him tales of the deceased, which did nothing but make the man more furious at times. It is said it was only a few weeks ago that the man committed a sound thrashing on the woman through the tongue of her naughty sister, and which has ultimately led up to this horrible and brutish act. The matter was reported to the authorities.

Hallo! Then after all, despite Hercules efforts, Miss "Ellen" has lost her action re "defamation of character" both in the "Courts below" and the "Courts above." Eh! what a collapse! And what about the sequence?

But, may I ask—was it merely with a view to establish "innocence" in the eyes of the public (the very few who doesn't know her yet) after having committed a most nefarious crime, and set free—or was financial expectations the basis of the imagination—that this infamous prodigal, excruciatingly made such an extravagant and insane less presumptuous demand in Court?

In my opinion, where "precept" is least respected, "example" should be enforced with absolute rigidity, in order to show such characters, that it is only people of honest mind and actions (as far as the public is concerned)—such as are able to pass other peoples "watches" etc. without molesting it in their absence or their adversity—not given to "Looting" or any other degrading vice—are venturing with such claims; and until this "Type of Humanity" is subdued, unproved or banished from a community of higher "reason" and "purpose"—we continue to exist in an atmosphere of "Dangerous Space" which perhaps will take a millennium to undo.

Yours respectfully,  
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## Earthquake At Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba.—The city was thrown in a panic when two seismic oscillations succeeded each other at different intervals. No damage was reported.

Santiago is accustomed to such disturbances, because the city is located right over the chain of mountains that form the Antilles Islands. This time the phenomena had been prognosticated and the residents were nervously expecting the "thing to happen."

Many were those who left their beds and rushed out to the streets when the first shock occurred and the streets were peopled at that usual hour of the night when the second shock came lasting fifteen seconds. The oscillations were from north to south.

The phenomena had been expected to occur between April 23 and 29 and due to a new theory of astronomers which they designate as "determined cause," and which have direct relations with atmospheric conditions.

## Notice to Correspondence

The writer of a letter signed "The One About Tom" which was handed in to our office yesterday afternoon is requested to call on us for the purpose of explaining certain parts of the communication which are unintelligible and require explanation before it can go to the Press.—S. T. Times.

## Squirres' Flood.

NEVER SEEN THE LIKE FOR TWENTY YEARS.

On Monday afternoon between 2 and 5 p.m., torrential rains fell at this centre, during which, wind gusts of thunder and flashes of steel lightning, in great abundance, destroyed the crops of the town. The Squirres River by its many eddies, floods went roaring and breaking its left bank, soon covered the entire mesa of Squirres from the bridge of a grove to the town home above the Wesleyan Church building. If there was an uncovered spot, it remained the diminutive exception.

All Squirres went out of doors terrified by the awful spectacle, many dreaming wet, gave out a shout of joy and enthusiasm in their efforts to rescue their families or save others from impending disaster. About a dozen light swimmers in a great mob, all heroes worthy to be the best of a school for the Carnegie Hero Fund; fought against the water, with a strong iron band, an iron post, and the buoy of the swimming, racing, dashing, and leaping, and all who saved the lives of many a sinking infant, a little boy, a diving outfit, a cedar moulder and a tinuous nap.

A new house put up on the Ressel Park was washed away in its bearings, and was going down stream, but its course was arrested by another heavy gale against which it lodged, the foundation of another house was gutted and left the water, as stated, that the building was enlarged on the title; the floors in the course of the earthquake were left with a thick coating of mud that called for more raking and scrubbing, and the water covered the ground to the height of eight inches, and in some places. Large logs from the six-mile were removed and deposited in the Ressel track; these were replaced yesterday in the water by a pile of oak; the heavier lumber were carried away entire; the market was a wash of shrapnel and every high corner in the pavement went with the rushing stream, and those who were left in the streets, and the streets were peopled at that usual hour of the night when the second shock came lasting fifteen seconds. The oscillations were from north to south.

This phenomenal rush of water was only an apparent evil that called for losses and to be repaired, it was a calamity to a gandy number of people; but it were a kindness and he will admit that it has saved Squirres from the greatest ravages of a threatening epidemic, which would surely have cost the lives of many a citizen. Keep us the hopes that each day the depressing waves of waves of mud and rubbish, and they are to supply the objective testimony that we shall duty the market, and the destruction of the Squirres, and to effect a complete cleaning. In all things giving things, I thank God for the memorable overflow of the Squirres River on Monday afternoon the 16th of May.

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