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We are not arrogant in our freedom, but rather do we treasure it as something precious beyond life itself, and we have never stopped remembering gratefully those leaders whose bravery in the face of opposition won for us in blood, our Freedom.

These are dark days. But we knew dark days 100 years ago when we had no Freedom. We knew them 27 years ago when our Freedom was threatened.

We are fighting again today when the British Empire and the United States are threatened with slavery by the murdering Hun.

To Canada and The United States—to the Freedom of both—the colored race on this Emancipation Day anniversary dedicates itself—every man—every woman—every child.

WALTER PERRY

Our Programme

Programme Officially Starts at 4 p.m.

Prayer

Selection by Choirsters—Mrs. Gertrude Day, Director

O' Canada

Address of Welcome by Mayor Arthur J. Reaume

Solo—Mrs. Mae Thomas

Address by Professor G. H. Williams, Pittsburg, P.A.,
followed by other prominent speakers.

Songs by Choirsters

Vaudeville

Tennis Tournament will start at 3 p.m.

Checker Tournament at 5 p.m.

Ball Game Starts at 6 p.m.—Windsor Police vs. Colored
S. A. C. Club.

Opening Battery—Chief of Police Claude Renaud
and Jack Johnson.

First Parade of Beauties—8 p.m.

Dancing Starts at 9 p.m. to Mathew Rucker's Orchestra
featuring Priscilla Rayster and Johnny Taylor.

Anthems

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land,
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North, strong and free;
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! O Canada!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



God Bless America

God Bless America
Land that I love,
Stand beside her—and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountain—to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God Bless America
My home sweet home.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

(National Negro Hymn)

Lift every voice and sing,
'Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea,
Sing a song full of faith that the dark
past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the
present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day
begun,
Let us march on, 'till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chats'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had
died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers
sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears
has been watered
We have come, treading our path thro' the
blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, 'till now we
stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star
is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the
way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path we pray,
Lest our feet stray from the places our
God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of
the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we
forever stand,
True to our God, true to our Native Land.

Our Thanks

ON BEHALF of the Brotherhood I want to take this opportunity of thanking The Windsor Daily Star, Nationally known newspapers in the U. S. A., Radio Station C. K. L. W., for their fine co-operation, and also everyone that donated financially and gave prizes toward making this celebration a great success.

This one hundred and eighth Emancipation Celebration will long be remembered for the fine spirit of co-operation and I hope that this warm feeling will continue to exist throughout the years to come.

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