

additional work and paying part of his salary.

The Chairman: That's satisfactory to me.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I was informed by the School Director that there is some mistake as to the two room school called for under the Department of Instruction. It should be for "Annally" instead of "Diamond". Had that been known in time, it might not have been stricken. All that can be done now, is to take care of that matter by money bill.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to draw attention to an item budgetted under the Public Works Department—"Filling in pond, edge of Town, Frederiksted." The Municipal Committee made a special inspection, and find that the pond is in bad condition, we realize that the amount budgetted here is not sufficient, the matter is under consideration, and Honorable Members will be further informed. All are agreed that what is to be done will require about three or four thousand dollars. The amount budgetted at present is merely put down until an estimate is submitted.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. With regard to remarks made by the Chairman of the Municipal Committee concerning the pond, I confess that I have not fulfilled my obligation in seeing the La Grange Concern to find out whether they could help with stuff to fill the pond, but I hope to do so in the near future. If that place is filled up properly, it will be a great benefit to the public.

It was then put to the vote, and carried that one Horse for Poor Hearse Frs. 750. be inserted under the Poor Department, Frederiksted.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to draw attention to one item more—Constructing and building culverts. There is hope that a culvert will be built at the head of King Street. This has been long looked for, and I believe it will be a great improvement to the Town.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I understand the custom houses in both towns are Municipal Buildings; it is alright for the Municipality to improve upon the buildings, but I feel that the rent for those building should then be raised.

The Chairman in reply to the Honorable last Speaker said,—"I have no information to give the Honorable Member, as to whether the Custom Department is paying any rent for the building. It does not figure on the budget."

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not think the Custom Department

is paying any rent at all. Whatever revenues derived from that department goes into general revenues.

No further remarks. The items under this department were put to the vote as amended and unanimously adopted.

Subsidies—No remarks. Put to the vote as amended and unanimously adopted.

Miscellaneous—Read as amended, put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Pensions and Allowances—No remarks. Read as amended, put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

General Contingent—No remarks, put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The budget was then put to the vote en bloc and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman gave a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess the Council reassembled and the Chairman brought up item No. 2.

Item 2.

Continuation of 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 2, draft of an Ordinance, introduced by Government, redeclaring and establishing the Judiciary Department and courts on St. Croix; providing for a District Court Commissioner and for additional Notaries Public; amending an ordinance passed by the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix, 25th May, 1920, and sanctioned and approved 26th, June, 1920, and repealing Chapters one and three of said Ordinance.

The Chairman remarked: This matter was, at the last meeting, referred to a committee of the whole House; therefore the House goes in committee on the bill.

Accordingly the doors were closed and the House went into committee on the bill.

After the bill had been discussed, the doors were opened the Council reconvened at 5.15 p. m.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members with reference to the ordinance under discussion, I believe the Government Secretary has a statement to make.

Commander Gaffney remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to withdraw Colonial Council Bill No. 2 for redrafting an introduction.

There being no further business before the House the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.45 p. m.

LOCAL

The Creole for St. Thomas sailed from this port at 6.30 yesterday evening.

The show at the theatre last night was well attended and the entertainment offered was commensurate.

Tonight there will be variety performance in St. John's School Room the

programme for which promises a pleasant evening and will be found in this issue.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Constantinople, July 14th.—Turkish Nationalists and Greek forces are locked in battle before Kutaia, about 75 miles southeast of Bursa. Airplanes are taking part in the struggle for the mountain heights near the town, which is the first objective of the Greek offensive which began last Monday. The Nationalist forces consist of the third Turkish army corps, commanded by Col. Arif Bey. A Nationalist official statement declares that the Greeks are holding a line running southward from Yenisehr village, situated near the Northern branch of the Bagdad railway. The Greeks are said to be advancing with four divisions.

Soissons, France July 14th.—An ammunition dumps a few miles east of here containing 450 tons of explosives, caught fire yesterday through spontaneous combustion, it is said owing to the extreme heat. Ten thousand shells have already been exploded and gas masks have been delivered to the population. No casualties have been reported thus far.

New York, July 14th.—An International banker who keeps a close watch on the production of food stuffs in all parts of the world, today declared that the sugar situation is very likely to turn a right about face in a short time, when preliminary reports of the shortage in the beet crop abroad are confirmed. He expressed the opinion that should the current reports from abroad be confirmed and a short beet crop come to the market abroad, the slack soon will be taken out of the sugar market here.

Washington, July 14th.—Japan's acceptance of Mr. Harding's suggestion that a conference be held to discuss limitations of armaments was received at the State Department today, but made no reference to the question of a discussion of the far eastern question. Unqualified acceptance by the Chinese Govt also was received. State department officials would make no statement on the form of the Japanese reply, which was not made public in text.

London, July 15th.—Another meeting between Mr. Eamon De Valera and Mr. Lloyd George took place today this discussion of the preliminary of the hoped for Irish peace settlement lasting about an hour and a half. At its conclusion it was announced that the convention would be resumed later probably next Monday.

Riga, July 15th.—Crimea has proclaimed itself an autonomous Soviet Republic, according to a Moscow wireless message. Simferopol is to be the capital.