

The Vice-Chairman: Do I understand that the proposal of the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District is, that the law be sent back to Government for revision along the lines suggested by the Committee?

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) answered the Vice-Chairman and said, —I do not know where the code comes from now, whether from Government or the Medical Department; if it is from the Medical Department it should be referred back to them.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: While I appreciate the remarks of the last speaker, I do not think anything will be gained by his proposal. I still think it would be better for this Draft to go back to the Committee in conjunction with the Medical Department for recommendation as to what should be laid before this Council, but I don't think anything will be gained by sending it back to the person by whom it was drafted. If I were the one who drafted the regulations, I would be loth to make any changes, particularly as I have no recommendations from any committee.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. When I spoke just now I understood that the Medical men were aware of the consensus of opinion in this island. We have had many meetings on the code and the Doctors were present and I don't believe that they are ignorant of what the consensus of the opinion of the Committee was.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I do not believe that it is within the power of the Colonial Council to return the draft; as a legislative body we can reject or send it to a committee to report on it, but according to the Rules of Business we cannot send it back to the person by whom it was drafted, therefore I agree to send it to a committee.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: There are two motions before the House, one by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) asking that a committee be appointed. . . .

2nd Appointed Member (Noll): I specify 7.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): I do not intend to propose anything that is not in keeping with the Rules of Business.

The Vice-Chairman: Then the Honorable Member has withdrawn his proposal.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) answered yes.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: It would be discourteous to return a draft proposed by Government without giving any reason for such an action.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I think this matter needs considerable consideration; some of the effects of the law are being felt already. I think it would be a

good idea to have it passed upon by a committee, to see if we can have it changed so as to facilitate and not retard business.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Why not elect the nine members who have already discussed the law, it would be much better, particularly as they have already been objection to certain parts of it. If you elect seven new members it would change the features of the whole thing.

The Vice-Chairman would like to know if the proposal made by the last speaker meant to refer the code of laws to the nine members previously appointed to consider it?

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) answered yes.

The Vice-Chairman put the member's proposal to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The Honorable 2nd Appointed Member's proposal falls to the ground. The code of laws will be referred back to the Committee of 9 Members previously appointed to consider and report upon it.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Before giving a recess I wish to ask Members to vote on the question of the election of a member to serve on the Educational Board of Review.

It was put to the vote and carried that this matter be taken up today.

The Chairman then gave a recess of 10 minutes.

To be continued.

EDITORIAL

In reference to what we wrote yesterday as regards comparison of prices obtaining in Antigua and St. Croix, it may be remarked that it is not in every grocery that one is confronted with the exorbitant prices so generally prevalent, and this is what makes the situation all the more remarkable, and sets the suspicion of people tingling. Can we honestly blame anyone because he feels himself cheated, or overcharged if that term is preferred, when in one grocery potatoes cost him 6 cents and in another 10 cents? No, no reasonable being could squarely deny that something is radically wrong there. We have it on the best authority that potatoes cost in the States \$4.50 a barrel of 170 pounds or so. With the freight this article must cost something around 3 cents a pound; sold at 6 cents there is a conspicuous profit of 100%; at 10 cents, more than 300%. Cheese is shown to be sold at 25% cheaper in foreign islands than here; and so on in many other things and in other lines, including dry goods. It is well to let those handling these things at least know that the public is fully alive to the manner in which they are gouged. In many cases fair and square dealers are doing what

they can to remedy the market and force others to give the consumer a square deal, and wherever we learn of their activity in this direction, it gives us real pleasure to make it known. Upon reading our note of yesterday Mr. Pretto advised us that he has been selling cheese at 60 cents since last week. And Mr. McIntosh has been doing the same. Mr. Pretto has come out with an ad. in this issue.

LOCAL

The Antigua Sun of August 11, 1920 publishes the Food Commission's price of live goats at 3d. per pound. Here again 6 cents against our twelve. The Food Commission's regulations further enjoin that the table of prices shall be prominently displayed in every store or shop dealing in the articles under control.

Schooner Creole from St. Thomas arrived here this a. m. with local mails; will return tomorrow on usual schedule.

CORRECTION

In yesterday's editorial the following typographical errors in the item "Meat" are hereby corrected:

ANTIGUA.	ST CROIX.
10½d. (21 cents), instead of 11 cents.	30 cents; difference of 9 cents, instead of 19 cents.

—Christiansted, St. Croix, V.I.U.S.A.
Sept 1st. 1920.

To the Editor of the "St. Croix Avis".

Dear Sir:—

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say these few words:

Yesterday while reading your paper I came across a communication attacking me personally about result of the match played on the Holger Danske Ground on Sunday last between the Horse Whip C. C. and the Excelsior C. C. both of this town.

I must now say that he is really right in doing so because instead of saying the Horse Whip Boys lost the match on account of bad fielding I used the word feeding.

Thanking you for space Mr. Editor,

I am,

respectfully,
A REPORTER.

Only Four Days!

DR. J. R. MAYHEW, Eyesight Specialist, will be at Christiansted from Monday 30th to Thursday 2nd Sept. and can be consulted either of these days from 10 a. m.