

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that the sum of Frcs. 246.50, interest on Former Controller of Customs and Estate Owner in St. Croix, Peter Cornelius Birch and Wife Rosaline Antoinette, born Cantor's, Legacy for the poor and needy of St. Croix, will be on hand for distribution on August 1st, 1920.

Applications for participation in this distribution, duly certified, should be forwarded to the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America on or before July 20th, 1920.

Despatching Secretary's Office, St. Croix Virgin Islands, June 17th, 1920.

FRED. B. COLBY,
Despatching Secretary.

Publication.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of Frcs. 255.72½, income on their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Louise's Silver Wedding Memorial Fund, will be available for distribution on the 28th July 1920.

Applications for participation in this distribution, duly attested, should be forwarded to the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America on or before July 20th, 1920.

Despatching Secretary's Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, June 17th, 1920.

FRED. B. COLBY,
Despatching Secretary.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) in answering the last speaker said,—I will explain. Every man has the right to do what he chooses with his property. The Food Commission is to be blamed; there is a paragraph in the Ordinance which provides punishment for violations of the law. Why don't the Food Commission enforce that law.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) asked 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) to read the paragraph of the Food Commission law to which he referred.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) read the paragraph.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) said, I don't think that applies to the price of sugar as sold by the Factories, it is for violations of the law. It is not applicable to the member's statement.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) said, 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) has just remarked that the Factories have put up their price higher than that

which the Food Commission decided on. 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) answered the last speaker and said, If the Honorable Member says so he is wrong the Food Commission cannot fix the price for sugar for the Factories, that is fixed according to Paragraph 4.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) in reply to the last speaker said, I said that the Food Commission after getting the quotations take that as a basis, and after adding the expenses, fix the price of sugar; if that isn't fixing the price then I don't know what is fixing a price.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I understand that some of the factories, not the one I have to do with, did not want to sell sugar in large quantities while the price was in the air.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I will recite an incident that happened in one of the meetings of the Food Commission. It was agreed upon to sell 50 bags of sugar to a certain individual, a certain representative of a certain factory advised that individual not to buy, that individual believed the representative and did not buy, sugar was only \$32.00 then and now the price is raised to \$51.00.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I was Chairman of the Food Commission some few months. It seems to me that the argument today is, about the price sugar is sold on this island. I have never been an advocate of the Food Commission. The prices of articles of foodstuffs is based on honest competition. In the Food Commission meeting the great advance in the prices of foodstuffs was reached; one merchant sat there and saw the invoices of the others and he knew how he could undersell him, and the result was, there was thrust upon this community prices which were unbearable and that condition is existing today and will always exist on this island under such circumstances. Why not talk about other articles besides sugar? It is well known that a man with two thousand dollars can order cornmeal at a lower price than a man who orders fifty or one hundred dollars worth of cornmeal. That's one fundamental reason for the whole thing. If you are going into a food commission why not go into a cloth commission? I know not of any food commission that will ever be put in force in this island that will not be of conflicting interest. The milkman wants an increase because the cattleman is making money and the cornmeal man wants an increase because the sugar man is making money. I agree to abolish this Food Commission and I will never vote for another.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Our Food

Commission originated in a time of war, but the aftermath seems to be worse than in times of peace. Under ordinary conditions I believe we can do without a Food Commission. I believe if Government would take the matter into its own hands and fix prices and allow a reasonable margin of profit conditions would thereby be greatly improved. I certainly think the repealing of this law will not work any hardship on the community; I believe we would get along better without it; at present prices are high, but there is every hope that prices will go down gradually.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) remarked: Mr. Chairman. What the last speaker has said is true in some respects, but it seems as if he is not acquainted with what is going on in the mercantile world. Does the Honorable Member know that we are facing a flour famine and now is the best time to have a food commission?

The Chairman closed 1st Discussion and gave a recess of 20 minutes.

To be continued.

The theatre was again a very crowded house last night when the Gilmore brothers made their second public appearance and displayed acrobatic skill that drew loud and continuous applause. These youngsters are undoubtedly to be highly commended for their singular performance which, while not absolutely foreign to this community, are nevertheless unlooked for in actors of such tender years.

CORRECTION.

In yesterday's Avis, first page, 2nd column, 21st line from top please read, "Adopted May 17, 1920" instead of "May 25."

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Delaydd in Transmission.

London, June 4th.—In the race for Oaks Stakes run today the results were as follows: Dharlebel first, Cinna second, and Roselet, Third.

London, June 3rd.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a special interview with General Smuts at Capetown, in which he reiterates that the war had transformed the Dominions into sister states. "Unfortunately the old machinery still remains", added the General, "and it is astonishing that statesmen have not yet realized the anachronism. I have insisted on a constitutional change in the Empire, and I am also astonished that others have not been equally impressed with its inevitability. The British people must realize this great constitutional fact. There must be complete equality and freedom enjoyed by the sister states, and your constitutional problem is to find new formulas to fit