

extra copies of the Rules of Business for the Council and the Colonial Law be printed. Here am I, a new member without a copy of either. I inquired at the Despatching Secretary's Office, there was none to be had there.

The Chairman (Coulter) in reply to the last Hon. Speaker said,—I sympathize with the Hon. Member, because I know there are members here today who are four years in the Council and are without a copy of either the Colonial Law or the Rules of Business. I have spoken to the Chairman once or twice about it, and he assured me that he would give the matter his attention. I will speak to the Despatching Secretary about the matter.

Furthermore the Chairman remarked: Regarding the matter of the travelling expenses for the Municipal Committee, I hope the Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee will take the matter up with Government. If the Members of the Municipal Committee are receiving \$8.00., I cannot see why Members of the Council should not receive the same. It is true that a Resolution had been passed, but I do not think it fair. It is not equitable.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The travelling expenses for the Municipal Committee was fixed under the old regime at \$8.00, and now is the first time I am hearing that it is \$7.00. With regard to travelling expenses for the Colonial Council, it was put to the vote and agreed upon here in this Council that 20cts. per mile be paid to members. If the Honorable Chairman is going to rectify this matter I hope he will increase the travelling expenses of the Council without interfering with the amount stipulated in the Rules of Business for the Municipal Committee.

The Chairman remarked: I am only interested in the establishment of an equitable rate for the Colonial Council. The Honorable Member will receive travelling expenses for both the Municipal Committee and the Colonial Council.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood): So were you when you were a member of the Municipal Committee.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegita): If you want to increase the amount on the budget today you may do so, but you will have to introduce a resolution in the Council.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Sometime in the month of May I saw a few copies of laws brought in here and distributed to members, but the majority of us who are members of the Council have not yet received a copy. The question brought up by the Honorable 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander), I was the one who told him that I would have brought up that question. It is now four years I am here in this Council and have not a copy of the Rules of Business nor the Colonial Law to go by, we have always been promised, but up to now nothing has been done. We

have, all of us, worked hard on the Code of Laws, and I feel that every member should have a copy.

3rd Appointed Member (Armstrong) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am in the same position as the last Speaker, I have not got a copy of the Rules of Business nor the Colonial Law. It would be a great relief if copies could be printed and circulated to members.

Despatching Secretary (Fox) remarked: Mr. Chairman. In answer to the 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander). I don't think it is the duty of Government to furnish copies of the Rules of Business for the Colonial Council. I see on the budget you have an amount for stationery, printing etc. under the Colonial Council Department. As regards to the Code, the office in St. Thomas is doing its best to have copies printed, and as soon as they are received Government will hold to its promise.

The Chairman remarked: I am sure that the explanation given by the Despatching Secretary is satisfactory to members. I know it is not the fault of the Government, only a few copies came and were distributed. The majority of the Committee have not received copies. The Chairman of the Council informed me, that as soon as more copies are received, every member who was in the Council when the Code was passed will receive a copy, even though they were not re-elected.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL.

The Creole is here today with St. Thomas and Porto Rico mails.

S. S. Pulwico sailed for the Islands at 3 p. m. yesterday.

A very attractive drama film is advertised to be shown at the theatre this evening. Read summary of this picture in this issue and secure seats for a good evening.

OBITUARY.

Died at her home 61 Queen Street, Frederiksted Mrs. Charlotte Marshal sister of the late Mrs. Rev. Paul Thompson and sewing teacher at Fredensfeld School.

Funeral takes place at 4.30 p. m. today.—*The Herald, July 13th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Boston, July 10th.—One of the longest intense heat spells in the history of Massachusetts culminated yesterday in the heaviest electrical storms for over 35 years and the greatest rainfall ever known since the meteorological bureau was established. The first storm was from two to six a. m., and the second from eight to ten, and the third from seven to ten p. m.. There were continuous flashes of appalling chain bolt and

sheet lightning with constant terrifying crashes of thunder. The weather observatory states that a cool east wind came in from the sea and meeting the hot and humid atmosphere caused a hitherto unheard of disturbance. The rainfall was nearly six inches, one inch descending in ten minutes. About 150 places were struck, churches seeming to afford the most numerous targets for the barrages of lightning. One of the large hotels was hit and panic prevailed for a time while many persons were injured or shocked and a few blinded. Only one person is known to have been killed outright. Hundreds of fires were caused and the whole force of fire fighters had a strenuous day. The estimated total loss in greater Boston will be about a million and a quarter dollars. Much of the damage was caused by the flooding of the subways buildings and railways.

Washington, July 10th.—The President has approached Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan with a view to the holding in Washington of a conference to discuss the limitation of armaments. The President furthermore has suggested to the powers interested in problems of the Pacific and the Far East, that the subject relating thereto be considered at the same conference. These suggestions were embodied in a statement issued tonight by the State Department by direction of the President. The statement reads: The President, in view of the far reaching importance of the question of limitation of armaments has approached with informal, but definite inquiry the group of powers heretofore known as the principal Allied and Associated powers, that is Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to them to take part in a conference on this subject to be held in Washington at a time to be mutually agreed upon. If the proposal is found to be acceptable, formal invitations for such a conference will be issued. It is manifest that the question of limitation of armaments has a close relation to Pacific and Far Eastern problems and the President has suggested that the powers especially interested in these problems should undertake, in connection with the conference, the consideration of all matters bearing upon their solution, with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policy in the Far East. This has been communicated to the powers concerned and China has also been invited to take part in the discussion relating to Far Eastern problems. The United States Embassy in London tonight issued for publication President Harding's statement. The announcement from the Embassy was issued too late for general comment in the London papers; but the President's statement, together with semi-official announcement which preceded the Embassy communication was given great prominence as news of the highest importance.