

ing of the Council for Friday, July 9, at 2 o'clock p.m.

I have to announce that I intend to leave the Island next week for a trip abroad for a period of about four months. During my absence the Vice Chairman will act in my place and I bespeak for him the same patience and uniform courtesy that I have had the honor to receive from the members of this Council in exercising his duties.

There being no further business before the Council the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3. p. m.

EDITORIAL.

In comment on the appointment of certain natives to public offices, West End News of yesterday says in part: 'it gives us great pleasure to see our native brothers rising into prominent government positions. It is gratifying to know that the time when foreigners were given the preference is fast vanishing on the horizon of American improvement policy'. The basis of this remark is not clear, but it appears to imply that positions under the government were formerly bestowed upon foreigners to the exclusion of natives, which is decidedly not the case. Expressions of this kind are misleading and should be guarded against, for if not actually harmful, they can certainly do no good, especially when so obviously incorrect as in the present instance where it is a virtual impossibility to name a single government position which has been filled by a foreigner except in the department of education where, by reason of the fact that little native talent was available in this line, and few Danes qualified in English pedagogy, teachers were recruited from the British West Indies. Sons of the soil were royally appointed by the King of Denmark and until 1917 discharged the offices of collector of customs and controller of customs in Frederiksted and Christiansted respectively, and the chief and junior clerkships in this department, in both towns, have been held by natives; the government treasurer, and chief clerk, were natives; one of the police assistants (police judge) was a native of St. Croix and has acted as judge at times, and so on along the line. The language was, of course, an impediment to many otherwise competent natives, and this is probably the principal reason why more born Cruzians have not been conspicuous in public service in former years, but under any circumstances it is desired to give our present government all possible credit for the disposition shown to advance the interests of natives in this respect, and too much commendation cannot be expressed in that connection. However, it is believed, that the truest assurance we natives can give the government of our loyalty and deservingness, is our manifestation of a spirit of gratefulness which

it is hardly fair to say has been totally unaroused in the past. We want United States citizenship; we are aspiring to become 100% Americans; let us live up to the standard of worthiness by which we may justly feel entitled to these priceless gifts of the great mother nation of whom we ask them; let us conquer the tendency to throwing dirt behind us it; is very un-American.

Saint Croix V. I.
July 1st 1920.

Dear Mr. Editor:-

Since Mr. B. R. L. of Christiansted persists in entertaining us with dog fights on the public streets, it is perhaps not unreasonable, for persons who happen to witness these scenes, to enquire as to the outcome of the fights and the after condition of his dog, especially when we are informed that the bath next morning is performed at a remote section of the water-front and that, as usual after a fight, Buller is withheld from the gaze of the public. If this continues, we may be apt to request that the vet. surgeon reside in town instead of in the country.

AUDIENCE OF FIGHT OF NIGHT
OF JUNE 29TH.

Football Notice.

Lovers of Football are invited out on Sunday afternoon 4th July, at the Holger Danske Ground to see a great contest between the Unique Football Club of St. Thomas and the combined eleven of Christiansted. Game starts 4.30 precisely. Band in attendance.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Delayed In Transmission.

London, June 29th. - The United States Army Polo Team which will represent the United States at the Olympic games at Antwerp, won the Novices Cup yesterday by defeating the Fox Hunters Ranelagh Club. The score was nine to five.

London, June 29th. - Mr. Lloyd George stated in the House of Commons last night that he did not propose to make a further statement on the Boulogne Conference until after the meeting at Spa had been held.

London June 29th. - Answering six questions about Mesopotamia in the House of Commons last night, Mr. Lloyd George said, consideration must be given to rights existing before the war and the interests of the Arab States must be safeguarded.

London June 29th. - The House of Lords last night discussed the Rent Restriction Bill, which passed the report stage.

Wimbledon, June 29th - William T. Tilden of Philadelphia and Zeenz Shimidzu of Japan will be the competitors in the final of the British Lawn Tennis Singles Championship. Tilden won his place today as a finalist by defeating his fellow American Chas. A. Gerland of Pittsburg in the semi-finals 6-4, 8-6, 6-2.

Shimidzu earned the right to oppose the Philadelphian by defeating Theodore Mavrogordato of the English Davis Cup Team, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2. The winner of the finals must meet Gerald L. Payyerson of Australia in the challenge round for the championship. The United States doubles pair W. M. Johnson and Wm. T. Tilden won their match in the fourth round, defeating the British pair Stanley N. Doust and Albert D. Prebble 6-2, 7-4.

London, June 29th. - Sugar in stock on the 26th inst. was 153,000 tons. Last year 223,000 tons.

NEW YORK, June 30th 1920.
Flour, Blended Clears St. Lawrence 1 rand
pr. brl. \$13.50
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$4.60
New Season's Pork per brl. \$41.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$49.00
Sugar---Crystals maximum per 100 lbs.
\$18.26.
Molasses Sugar 89° test, no quotation.
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool
per lb. 25 81--100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60
days' sight \$3.90 1/2
Exchange New York and London, sight
\$3.94 1/2

LONDON, June 30th 1920.
Sugar-Demerara Crystals, (free of Govt.
control) duty paid per cwt. 146s. 0d.
Sugar Muscovado, (free of Govt. control
price for June) duty paid per cwt. 150s. 0d
German Beet 88°/o f.o.b. no sales
White Java sugar cif United Kingdom
130s. 0d.
Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per
cwt 120s. 0d. 0s. 0d.
Cotton Medium Fine Sea Island, at Liverpool per lb. nominal
Bank of England rate of Discount per
cent. 7.
Consols 46 1/2.
Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs. 56.75.
Moscovado Govt. controlled prices for
June duty paid 141s. 9d.
Moscovado free of Govt. control duty
paid 110s. 0d. 120s. 0d.

Publication.

WITH reference to an Ordinance passed by the Colonial Council of St. Croix, 19 April 1919, in view of the fact that the 4th day of July, this year, falls on a Sunday, the Governor has declared Monday 5th July 1920, a holiday for the purpose of observing "INDEPENDENCE DAY."

C. C. SIMMONS,
Government Secretary.