

The s. s. "Guiana" is expected to sail from New York on the 29th.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The wife who seeks outside attention because her husband is more interested in business, is no new character. But the question is "What Wives Want".

More tomorrow, as matters develop.

Yours

W. E. M.

St. Croix, 20th March 1924.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

Item 5.

Colonial Council Bill No. 20.

Fourth Council, First Session.

Introduction of and 1st discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 20, draft of Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year 1923-1924, Frs. 20,000 for expenses re investigation and report upon possibilities of impounding water for agricultural purposes etc.

The Bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 20.

Fourth Council, First Session, 1923-1924.

DRAFT OF ADDITIONAL MONEY BILL

to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the Fiscal year from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924.

Sub Item XII. Miscellaneous.

63 (b). For expenses incident to investigation of and report upon the possibilities of impounding water for agricultural purposes in the Municipality of St. Croix, Virgin Islands.....Frs. 20,000.00

Proposed by Government.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I might state that when this matter first came up His Excellency the Governor decided that this expense might as well be born by the Federal Department. But as the Department of the Interior feels that this amount should be provided by St. Croix the Governor is now of the opinion that the Municipality should provide this amount. Hence this measure before you.

1st member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) inquired how long this investigation is likely to last and by whom is the investigation to be made.

The Vice-Chairman in reply said,—the investigation is to be made by a gentleman sent down from Washington by the name of Mr. Fisher. As to how long the investigation was going to last he could not say.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I was told that the gentleman was going away.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Mr. Fisher will complete his actual survey here about the end of this week or early next week. When he takes the result of his investigation back to Washington he will need technical help on technical matters of which I have no knowledge.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) inquired whether a portion of this amount can be used for preliminary investigation in test boring.

Government Secretary (Zane) in reply said,—The sum of \$4,000 is for the investigation and report to be carried out by Mr. Fisher, no other element is included in that.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): Mr. Vice-Chairman. Why I ask the question is because I would suggest if some of the money is left over that it be used for drilling etc.

Government Secretary (Zane): When we know that there is some left that question might come up.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) proposed that 1st discussion on the money bill be closed.

The motion was seconded, put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

1st discussion closed.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Vice-Chairman. Inasmuch as this is a matter of vital interest to this island I move that 2nd discussion come on today.

The motion was seconded by 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2nd discussion opened.

No one requesting the word 2nd discussion closed, the Secretary read the money bill and the Vice-Chairman put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The Money Bill is adopted and goes to Government.

The Vice-Chairman further remarked: Regarding the matter which I read to you at the opening of the meeting the Municipal Committee has sent in its report, I will bring it up now and ask the Despatching Secretary to introduce it.

Colonial Council Bill No. 21.

Fourth Council, First Session.

introduction of and 1st discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 21, draft of Additional Money Bill for the fiscal year 1923-1924, Sub Item X, Public Works Department Frs. 100,000.00

to increase the capacity of the public cistern for Christiansted.

The Bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 21.

Fourth Council, First Session 1923-1924

DRAFT OF ADDITIONAL MONEY BILL

to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix, for the fiscal year from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924.

Sub Item X. Public Works Department:

51 (a). For expenses necessary to increase the capacity of the Public Cistern for Christiansted Frs. 100,000.00

Proposed by Government.

To be continued.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Danzig, March 16th—The Diet of the Free State of Danzig has recognized Soviet Russia.

London March 16th—Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Colonies, in a speech at Derby, said the policy of the Colonial Office must be not to dictate to the Colonies, but to help and encourage them. No greater mistake could be made than to assume that the interests of the dominions were identical with those of Great Britain. He trusted that the result of self government would make Ireland as strong and loyal as the rest of the dominions. Self-government for India, said Mr. Thomas, should come through cooperation not through bloodshed. "We must treat the native races as human beings, not as slaves he concluded.

Rome, March 16th The King has conferred the title of Prince of Montenesoso on Gabriele D'Annunzio the soldier poet, in recognition of the noble services rendered Italy during the war. The title was conferred simultaneously with the annexation of Fiume as Italian territory, in recognition of the poet's expedition into Fiume after the war, which is regarded as having saved Fiume to Italy.

Geneva, March 16 h.—The Council of the League of Nations adjourned its March session on Saturday, after reorganizing the Sarre Valley Commission in a way expected to improve the administration of the district. The council refused to permit the Sarre Diet to name a member of the commission as it is desired, but appointed a citizen of the valley to replace M. Bang of Denmark as chairman, out of a desire to satisfy the inhabitants.

Moscow, March 15th.—The text of the Chino-Russian agreement, by which China grants full diplomatic recognition to Russia, was made public here today. Diplomatic relations will be resumed immediately.