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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

ON MONDAY, August 18, 1919, at one o'clock p. m., the Colonial Council for St. Croix held its 2nd Ordinary Meeting for the present Elective period.

The members present were:

The Chairman, (Robt. L. Merwin), (D. C. Canegata), (Thos. Ramsay), (Robt. W. Skeoch), (F. Lunney), (K. Henderson), (G. Nordby), (F. Coulter), (A. J. Blackwood), (W. S. Abramson, D. Noll, and M. M. Skeoch.

Members G. B. Fleming, F. Andersen, A. E. Sakemann and W. L. Pen-theny were absent from the island; 2 Member for Christiansted Country District (MacKay) had notified his inability to attend; furthermore was absent, 3rd Appointed Member (Armstrong).

His Excellency Governor Oman and Despatching Secretary (R. O'Hagan) attended the meeting.

After prayers had been said the Chairman (Merwin) remarked: Honorable Members the proceedings for the last meeting have been published in the "St. Croix Avis" and if members have no objection I will consider them tacitly adopted.

There was no objection, the Chairman declared the minutes as published tacitly adopted.

The Chairman further remarked. Since the last meeting of the Council I have received no communications from Government to read to the Council.

The Secretary (Canegata) then read a letter received from the Industrial Brass Band of Christiansted, and which is as follows:

"Christiansted, St. Croix, August 18, 1919. Hon. R. L. Merwin, Chairman, Colonial Council, St. Croix.

"Subject: Item 5, Order of the Day, Subsidy in aid of Century Brass Band, Frederiksted, and Native Brass Band, Christiansted.

"Sir: With regard to giving any aid whatsoever to the bands of this Island, the Industrial Brass Band begs to be included for the following reasons:

"1. It is the Band which received a subsidy (or monthly allowance) up to March, 1918.

"2. It is the Band which first approached the Government for help when the

"subsidy (or allowance) referred to above was stopped.

"3. It is the Band which aided the Navy Band with Music, Instruments, and music stands when that band was first started; and it is the only Band presently which property, music and music stands is still at the disposal of the Navy Band.

"For the above mentioned reasons the Industrial Brass Band, Christiansted, begs to be included when aid is to be given the other bands now under consideration.

"Sir the Industrial Brass Band asks that this petition be considered in connection with Item 5 on the Order of the Day.

"Respectfully,
Clifford Adams,
Leader."

The Chairman then laid before the Council item 1 of the Order of the Day. Item 1.

Colonial Council Bill No. 6.

Resolution That the unexpended balance of funds appropriated under maintenance for the Department of Public Instruction for the fiscal year 1918-1919 shall be available to pay for school books etc., Introduced by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll).

COLONIAL COUNCIL BILL NO. 6.

Session 1919-1920.

RESOLUTION.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in Session assembled:

That the unexpended balance of funds appropriated under maintenance for the department of Public Instruction for the fiscal year 1918-19 shall be available to pay for school books, maps and other similar equipment, contracted for during the said fiscal year but not delivered before the expiration thereof, it being expressly understood that this authorization is limited to the purpose above mentioned and that no change in the classification of the books, maps etc.; from equipment to maintenance is intended.

D. NOLL.

2nd Appointed Member.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) in introducing the Resolution said it was introduced by him at request of the Despatching Secretary so as to do away with the custom of expending money appropriated under maintenance for equipment and recommend that the Resolution be furthered and passed.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Resolution be furthered.

The Chairman then put to the vote

whether the Resolution should be adopted at one discussion.

10 members voted for; 1 member did not vote.

Despatching Secretary (O'Hagan) remarked: Mr. Chairman. As stated by the member who introduced the bill, these various resolutions introduced today are merely to preserve the system of accounting. If the books ordered for the Division of Public Instruction are to be charged to maintenance it would affect the classification, and this bill is introduced merely to preserve the classification of material which has been in effect in the past.

No one requested the word further-the Secretary (Canegata) read the Resolution and the Chairman put same to the vote.

10 members voted for; 1 member did not vote.

[To be continued].

The Native Brass Band rendered a public concert last night which was attended by a large gathering. In making its tramp afterwards, the Band halted at the residence of Councilman Abramson, and serenaded him in a knowledge of his efforts in securing the organization the subsidy recently granted by the Colonial Council.

The theatre is offering an exhibition this evening which ought to draw a large audience judging from the success achieved by "The Nature Girl" in Frederiksted where it was presented on two successive nights with creating a great sensation on both occasions. We believe everybody will enjoy this show.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Aug. 11th.—President Wilson today refused to send the Senate a copy of General Uless letter concerning the Shantung settlement on the ground that it contained confidential references and other Govts. reply to the Senate resolution asking for information regarding any treaties a purporting to have been made by Japan and Germany during the progress of the great war. President Wilson said he knew of no such negotiations though he heard rumours concerning them. The President also informed the Senate in response to another resolution that he was happy to say he had no memorandum with reference to any attempt of the Japanese delegates at Paris to intimidate the Chinese peace delegates.

Montreal, Aug. 11th.—Telegraph and telephone communication throughout the United States and eastern Nevada seriously interrupted and in many cases completely paralyzed shortly after noon today by an aurora borealis electrical phenomenon, put out of commission