

is the desire to take up discussion on the budget today.

Colonial Council Bill No. 30.

Introduction of and 1st discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 30, draft of budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1 1924 to June 30, 1925, introduced by Government.

The (Chairman) remarked: I have to state that as the time is so short it is my desire and desire of the Government that 1st discussion take place today and 2nd discussion come up next Monday. I will ask members to confine themselves strictly to the budget as there are many other items on the order of the day. The matter is before the House on 1st discussion.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The remark which Government desires to make on the budget is the same as that made on the ordinance which has just been withdrawn. As the budget now stands, Government is unable to see its way towards meeting the deficit of Francs 711,529 85 by Francs 70,000; but, as previously stated, it is willing to let that matter ride until some time in the coming fiscal year because of the several elements which are so uncertain with regard to the budget. I might add that I understand the budget as it now stands is as reported by the Municipal Committee, certain changes necessary in the text of it as received by Government from the Municipal Committee having been made and explained in the printing.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr. Chairman. I ask that the Chairman of the Municipal Committee give us some elucidation on the budget as it is in an unintelligible state.

(To be continued.)

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The s. s. "Catherine" is due today on schedule time, having 168 tons of cargo for this island.

The Industrial Brass Band played on the wharf last night. The band though reduced a great deal by most of its members emigrating to the United States yet possesses the old touch.

The Native Brass Band will give a concert on the wharf on Sunday (tomorrow evening).

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Pretoria, Union of South Africa, June 24th—General Hertzog, leader of the victorious parties in the recent elections, today accepted the Premiership of South Africa, succeeding General Smuts. General Hertzog has begun the formation of a Cabinet.

Trinidad, June 24th.—A Gazette extraordinary makes the following an-

nouncement: "The Governor has received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies informing him that His Majesty has been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Horace Byatt, K. C. M. G., Governor of Tanganyika territory to be Governor of Trinidad and Tobago.

London, June 24th.—Entries for the Henley Royal Regatta from crews and scullers outside the United Kingdom have been officially announced. As the Olympic Regatta at Paris will be held within a week, and the Henley on the Thames, for the first time in a number of years there will be no foreign competition for the Grand Challenge Cup. In the Diamond Sculls, the entry of W. E. Garrett Gilmore of Philadelphia was received by cablegram and accepted, subject to the posted entry form being in order. The other outside entry for the Diamond Sculls, which will be the feature of the Regatta to be held on July 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th is H. A. Blyea of St. John Rowing Club, St. John, N. B.

Verdun France, June 24th.—Expremier Poincare, stepping back into the political spotlight at the moment M. Herriot was negotiating at Chequers Court with Mr. MacDonald, warned France not to trust Germany. M. Poincare was speaking over the graves of seven unknown French soldiers, buried on Verdun battlefield at a ceremony presided over by Marshal Foch to observe the 8th anniversary of the critical days of the year-long siege. He took as his text Germany's unwillingness to pay reparations and the necessity for France to compel her to do so. "Do not let us indulge in dangerous illusions", said M. Poincare, "it is not by smiles that we will make Germany meet her debt. If the Ruhr had been abandoned Germany would see in that act only weakness and soon we would find her more intractable than ever under the treaty which must be enforced". He recalled that Germany five years ago at Versailles "before the whole world took solemn engagements to 20 victorious nations and she had not kept them and there is nothing to guarantee that she is ready to keep them now". M. Poincare justified his Ruhr policy of withdrawing the occupational forces only in proportion as Germany pays her debt and added "to evacuate more rapidly would in our eyes be to commit a grave imprudence.

Wimbledon England, June 23rd.—United Press. Honoured by opening the Wimbledon Tennis Championship on the famous centre court, before a crowd of 8,000, Vincent Richards of New York overwhelmed A. E. Park of New Zealand, winning in straight sets 6-1 6-0. Only two games went to deuce, Richards making his opponent a present of the games he lost. Francis F. Hunter of America easily defeated J. E. Park of England, 6-1 6-2 6-2. The second match of importance was won by the

young French star Rene Lacoste, who took the measure of a Japanese named Okamoto 6-2 4-6 6-3 6-4. N. Missu beat J. C. Masterson by default.

Victoria, B. C. June 24th.—"I thank you for this very great welcome. I can assure you that though our cruise took us to many large cities, we have never been taken more closely to their hearts than by the people of this city. We shall never forget your hospitality for the rest of our lives." In these words, Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Field, leader of the British special service squadron replied to ringing cheers from 350 guests present who greeted the arrival of the British naval officers at a navy league luncheon yesterday. "If we only hold together and try to understand one another this great empire need fear no enemy and no trouble each hat can arise. On the strength of link of the cable depends the life of the chain, we are told, and I feel sure that as our great Dominion prospers and as your interests increase in the world markets, Canada will find a navy a necessity and you will get it. The British Navy was not known as a navy until the seventeenth century. Before that time there were one or two kings ships and the balance were merchant vessels owned by rich merchants. The British merchantile Marine was the father of the British Navy." He concluded by explaining there were 897 vessels in the British Fleet that opposed the Spanish Armada, but only 34 of the ships were naval crafts, the remainder were merchantmen. He made a plea for Empire Unity and understanding.

In the morning twenty thousand cheering people turned out to give a joyous acclaim to 1,200 marines who, headed by their own band, paraded the principal streets. Lieutenant Governor Nichol took the salute from the stand opposite the Queen Victoria's monument in front of the legislative building.

Weymouth England, June 24th.—Eighteen golfers have qualified for play in the British Golf Championship. Most of the great names in the British Golf will be in the list of those battling this year for the championship. J. H. Taylor, George Duncan, A. B. Mitchell, James Rat, Cyril Torrey, Rodger Wethered, Alex. Herd and Arthur Havers, the present champion. Among those of world fame who failed was Harry Vardon, who had 159 strokes or above the limit for the 36 holes.

New London, June 23rd.—Rowing a cautious head race, Yale's great crew led Harvard home by four lengths over a four mile course on Friday in the major event of the fiftyseventh regatta between the two ancient rivals. The time was 21:58 3/5. The varsity victory gained for Yale a clean sheet in the regatta, the blue crews having won the freshmen and junior varsity events earlier in the day and the combination crew race yesterday.