

NOTICE.

AN Extraordinary General Meeting of St. Croix Club will be held in the Club rooms on SATURDAY 25TH INST. AT 5 O'CLOCK P. M.

THE BOARD.

Post Office Notice.

IT being expedient to curtail excessive accumulation of Danish funds, purchasers of postal money orders are urged to tender what United States money is procurable toward the payment of such orders, as Danish money will be accepted only in limited amounts.

Christiansted Post Office, September 16th. 1920.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.

West End New Grocery

OFFERS

BEST MESS BEEF pickled 20cts.

LARD compd.

28c. 5 lb. Tins \$1.50.

PICNIC HAMS 35c.,

BACON 45c.,

CHEESE Amr. Brich, Swiss etc.

36,—45,—54 and 64c. per lb.

SUPREME HAMS 58c.,

BONELESS CODFISH,

COFFEE 30—60c. per lb.

TEA 45—1:25.,

All Fresh Goods.

And the usual staple articles reduced where possible.

LOCAL.

The illustrated-lecture held at the Barracks last night was well attended, a mixed gathering of some 500 persons being present. The comic views of Charlie Chaplin were much enjoyed by the crowd and the slides showing various phases of danger to public health were indeed instructive and very interesting. The event was opened by an address by Lieut. H. V. Hughens U. S. N. Chief Sanitary Officer, who in appropriate words thanked the Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment for the use

of the premises, the Navy Band for its musical contribution to the programme and the local newspapers for advertisement and recommendation of the occasion. Dr. Hughens referred to the famous Professor of Medicine, Sir William Osler who said that the interest which a community takes in its sanitary affairs is an index to the intelligence of the people. The Dr. thought that might be applied to the gathering present. Dr. Hughens's remarks were followed by the slides which were ably and interestingly explained by Pharm. Riney U. S. N. A fairly soaking shower interrupted the lecture when about 4 slides had been shown and the gathering dispersed for shelter, some persons going home when the weather cleared but the majority remaining when it was seen that the programme would be resumed. The entertainment closed with the National Anthem at about 10 o'clock.

The thanks of the public is due those with whom the idea of this show originated. They are to be commended on its success, and the value of it being only too obvious, it is certain that those present will be looking for another in the near future as promised in the opening address.

The Christiansted Theatre was crowded last night with a highly entertained audience which, judging by the satisfaction on all faces, seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the second installment of the Gray Ghost serial.

In a notice in this issue it is announced that local currency can be accepted only in limited amounts for the purchase of money orders at the post office, this being made necessary, it is explained, through the closing of facilities for disposing of such funds.

The s. s. Parima left St. Thomas at 6 o'clock this morning and is looked for at Frederiksted at 10 o'clock.

From an advertisement signed by Mr. Emile A. Berne and published in the St. Thomas Mail Notes of the 14th inst. we copy the following schedule:

QUEBEC STEAMSHIP CO.

Proposed sailings from New York to West Indies 1920.

Ss. "Guiana"	Thursday, Sept. 16
Ss. "Korona"	Saturday, Oct. 9
Ss. "Parima"	Saturday, Oct. 16
Ss. "Guiana"	Saturday, Oct. 23
Ss. "Fort Victoria"	Saturday, Nov. 6
Ss. "Korona"	Wednesday, Nov. 17
Ss. "Parima"	Wednesday, Nov. 24
Ss. "Guiana"	Thursday, Dec. 2
Ss. "Korona"	Friday, Dec. 24

Subject to change without notice.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, Sept. 16, 1920.

Editor "St. Croix Avis".

Dear Mr. Editor:-

Perhaps it is not in the editor's place to publish everything he thinks, and for this reason your silence is excused in these days when the prices of foodstuffs have dropped so materially that a square meal has come within the means of dozens who had to follow MacSweeney's example or at best go on quarter rations because our friends of the profiteer fraternity gouged and skinned people so they almost longed to die and be done with it. Now, anyway, things have changed, and not only changed but improved, thanks to that champion of the people's cause, Mr. M. A. Pretto whose activities, as you justly intimated the other day, have done more than all the Food Commissions, newspapers or anything else put together. There is no getting away from the fact that the reason why we have fair prices ranging today is because Mr. Pretto placed his things on the market at a fair profit and, metaphorically speaking, put the noses of his competitors to the grind stone so they had to get down several rungs of their H. C. L. ladder and either deal honestly with the public or shut down. People ought to think for a moment on these things and bear in mind that without Mr. Pretto they would have been paying the same high prices all along the line, wherefore it is their moral duty to support that man and see that his business is constantly patronised and his goods bought promptly. He is the savior of the poor people in this island, or at least in Christiansted, for if tomorrow Mr. Pretto closes his grocery we will have to pay through our noses the self-same exorbitant prices as before he came with the sledgehammer labeled "FAIRPLAY" and smashed the H. C. B. (high cost of butter) and started the ball a rolling right through the goal. In today's issue of your esteemed paper, I note the heading "Competition is the life of Trade" over an advertisement of the Danish American Grocery, the proprietor of which is also a good man and a reasonable one; but believe me as far as Christiansted is concerned, it no longer means much to say "competition is the life of trade"; what we must realize is that **PRETTO IS THE LIFE OF COMPETITION**, without which competition there would probably not have appeared those ads. seen in your paper recently. Let's call a spade a spade and when we talk about the drop in prices of foodstuffs, let us be fair and say "**PRETTO DID IT.**"

Yours

OLD COOK.