

raising of the salary of that office at present to be unfair.

2nd. Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. If the Council does not pass a salary for the Chairman of the Road Commission he will get none.

Government Secretary (*Zane*): Mr. Vice Chairman. May I ask where the money will come from to make up the difference between Frs. 6,750 and Frs. 7,500? The Council has already voted Frs. 6,750 as salary of the Chairman of the Road Commission, if the amendment proposed by the Honorable 2nd. Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) becomes law, I do not see that he can get more.

1st. Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) brought in an amendment to Section 8 of the Ordinance which reads as follows:

AMENDMENT

to an Amendment to Sec. 8, of an Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix, proposed by the 2nd. Member for Christiansted's town: The new Section to read as follows:

Sec. 8. The salary of the Chairman of the Road Commission shall be fixed each year by, and incorporated into, the Budget for the Municipality for a Fiscal Year

Aug. 20, 1923.

D. HAMILTON JACKSON.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: With regard to the amendment proposed by the Honorable 1st. Member for Frederiksted Town the same thing is done in regard to every salary. It seems to me that if my amendment goes through you can give the Chairman of the Road Commission Frs. 10 or Frs. 6,750, but you cannot give him more than Frs. 7,500.

1st. Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The amendment proposed by the Honorable 2nd. Member for Christiansted Town limits the salary and says just how far it shall go, — Frs. 7,500 — but the budget says Frs. 6,750. There may be some reason for asking for more money for the Chairman of the Road Commission. We have voted Frs. 6,750 and he should not have a loop-hole by another ordinance or by personal sentiment to ask for more.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): Even if the salary was budgetted at \$5,000 I fail to see where the personal sentiment comes in.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Formerly the Road Inspectors received nothing for their work. When the number of inspectors was reduced to two a great deal more work devolved on the Chairman of the Road Commission. He

was then supposed to devote the whole of his time to road work. As far as I know when Mr. Lunney was Chairman of the Road Commission he gave his entire time to the road work. The question came up the other day—who is to look after the road-roller—I consider it the duty of the Chairman of the Road Commission.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. It would seem as if the Honorable 4th Appointed Member is advocating that the salary of the Chairman of the Road Commission be put down as not to exceed Frs. 7,500. There is some inconsistency in the matter. As far as I can see the Chairman of the Road Commission is not overburdened with work. We increase the salaries of men who have a great deal of work to do, but it is not the idea to increase the salaries of men who have not got much to do.

The Vice Chairman read amendment brought in by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) which reads as follows.

AMENDMENT

to Colonial Council Bill No. 2

Third Council. First Session, 1923-1924.

Section 10: Amend first clause to read: [from the word "The" on first line to the word "therein" on the second line]

The duty of keeping the roads in every Quarter in good and serviceable condition is incumbent upon the owners of landed properties, factories or similar establishments situated therein, provided however that owners of less than 25 acres be exempt from road work and that the road work incumbent on so small estates be allotted to the Municipality.

F. Andersen.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. My reason for proposing this amendment is because it would lessen the work of the Chairman of the Road Commission. These allotments can be taken care of by the Municipality. They do not amount to very much, any way.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*) proposed that 1st discussion on the bill be closed.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) seconded the member's motion.

Government Secretary [*Zane*] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I would like to state that as I see the matter the law fixes the salary of the Chairman of the Road Commission at Frs. 1,500. The fact that the budget provides the sum of Frs. 6,750 does not entitle him to that amount. The Despatching Secretary is only authorized to pay Frs. 1,500. It is therefore necessary to have that section of the law amended.

The Vice-Chairman: Is it the desire

of the Council to undo what it has already done?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. There is precedent. I know many men receive amounts in excess of their budgetted salaries. For instance, the Government Attorney was on the budget for \$250 per month. He was paid more and when the Council drew attention to the fact his salary was removed from the budget. The same thing happened with the Director of Education.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. I agree with the Despatching Secretary. I would suggest that he issues a check for Frs. 1,500 to the Chairman of the Road Commission as his salary and another check to him for the balance as charity.

It was put to the vote and carried that 1st discussion be closed.

1st discussion closed.

It was moved by 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) and seconded by 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) that 2nd discussion come on today.

The motion was put to the vote.

8 members voted for; none against.

The amendment proposed by 1st. Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) was put to the vote.

3 members voted for; 5 against.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The amendment is lost.

The amendment proposed by 2nd. Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) was put to the vote.

5 members voted for; 4 against.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The amendment is carried.

The Vice-Chairman read the amendment proposed by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*.)

Government Secretary (*Zane*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Off hand I see no objection to this amendment, but I wish to reserve the right for careful study and the right of veto should the Governor not concur.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. In view of the remarks of the Honorable Government Secretary I move that 2nd. discussion on the bill remain open, and as the matter has to come up at another meeting I deem it necessary