

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that according to the scheme of Amortization for St. Thomas Harbor 4% Loan of 1910, the drawing by the Notary Public, St. Thomas, of twelve bonds at Francs 1,000 has taken place, resulting in the drawing of the following bonds:

Numbers
51
53
54
63
64
126
249
457
470
478
491
492

These twelve bonds are hereby called in for redemption on 11 June, 1922, after which date the bonds will cease to bear interest.

St. Thomas Harbor Board, 3rd May 1922.

J. J. GAFFNEY,
Acting Chairman of the
Harbor Board.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The statement made by the Government Secretary that the Municipality has no contro over the gift made by the Odd Fellows in Denmark is slightly incorrect. The Board of Management consists of the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Croix, the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Thomas, the Chief Municipal Physician, the Physician of the Asylum, one member appointed by the Odd Fellows Lodge and one appointed by the Colonial Council. In reality the Municipality has full control.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) would like to know the approximate cost of building the pavilion. Despatching Secretary (Rappolee): About three thousand dollars.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I certainly cannot agree with 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) with regard to raising the money by local subscription. It is all right to sit here and say we can raise the amount by local subscription, but

I know the people will not subscribe; even things for their own benefit they are not willing to subscribe to. I think this matter should be put off for another meeting to see how the money could be raised to erect the pavilion before final action is taken on the bill.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) remarked: Mr. Chairman. While I will always be in sympathy as any other member to provide for the comfort and happiness of the unfortunate people at the Leper Asylum, I am in sympathy with what 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) and 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District have said. It is all right for this Council to accept a gift for the Municipality, but I do not think it all right for this Council to give a man or a collective body of men sanction to go and collect money by whatever means they may do it. We do not know the means they may adopt, and whatever means they adopt may reflect upon the reputation of this island. I think the suggestion made by 3rd Member for Christiansted Town should be adopted. Let the matter remain open and see how the money could be raised to provide for the comfort of the unfortunate people of this island.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It seems very strange to me that the reputation of this island come up so suddenly. If the money is given to build the pavilion it would be an act of charity. The people who want to build ask permission to build on land belonging to the Municipality. If I were the people I would not give the money until I know that we would have the land to build it on.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. That may be me, but I do not mind. I want to say that I am a native of this island and I will remain a native of this island, and as long as I am here in this Council I will not sit here and see the respect of the natives of this island trampled upon.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I also take objection to the remarks of the Honorable Gentleman's remarks. The Member says we are only asked to give permission to build the pavilion on lands belonging to the Municipality. In the Bill it is stated that the plan shall be approved by the person making the donation. 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) certainly seems to have more insight of this matter than other Honorable Members of the Council.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Town (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It seems to me that there is strike on both sides. I think 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) is serious and I believe the 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) is serious also. Wouldn't it be better to postpone this

matter or send it to a Committee as there is so much diversity of opinion? If there is such a strong feeling that it will do harm to the island, we should give it second thought.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Couldn't the House elect a committee to consult with the Odd Fellows Lodge in Denmark who might be willing to give help? Or give us a chance to contribute, rather than go to the United States to beg. Let us see if we cannot elect a committee and try and raise the money locally before we give the permission asked for.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I feel sure that if this matter was placed before the Board of Management for the Asylum and brought to the attention of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Denmark there would be no cause for this Resolution.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) remarked: Mr. Chairman. St. Thomas sends its lepers over here and I feel sure that three thousand dollars could be raised between here and St. Thomas.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) moved that the Bill go to a committee of five members to consider whether the necessary amount for building the pavilion at the Asylum could not be raised locally.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter): Mr. Chairman. I wish to make a suggestion that the committee report before the next meeting.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The next meeting will be too late. It seems ridiculous to send the bill to a committee where it is sure to die. We would not be able to raise three cents locally.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. When I first spoke on the bill I did not give St. Thomas a thought. Inasmuch as lepers are sent from St. Thomas to this island couldn't this island appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars and St. Thomas one thousand five hundred dollars?

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. There are too many proposals before the House, I think the best thing to do is to elect a committee to consider and report on the bill.

It was put to the vote and carried that the bill go to a committee of five members.

The Chairman remarked: The committee will be appointed after recess.

(To be continued.)

EDITORIAL.

Some time ago we found it necessary to criticize the working of the electric light system of this town. In doing so