

Council have gone into this matter. I don't think it is necessary to go over it again.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) moved that 1st discussion on the ordinance be closed.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*) seconded the member's proposal.

The motion was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

1st Discussion closed.

2 1 Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) proposed that 2nd discussion come on after recess.

The motion was seconded by 1st Member for Christiansted Town (*Abramson*), put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

A recess of 20 minutes was given.

After recess the Council reassembled and the Vice-Chairman remarked: During recess an Additional Money Bill has been handed to me. The Vice Chairman read the Additional Money Bill, which is as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 15.

Fourth Council, First Session, 1923-1924.

DRAFT OF ADDITIONAL MONEY BILL

to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix, 1923-1924.

Sub Item XII. Miscellaneous.

63 (a) For the purchase of portions of Recovery Hill and Herman Hill for the purpose of securing a public water supply from funds not otherwise obligated a sum not to exceed Frs. 1,800.

REMARKS.

This amount is to be expended only on the recommendation of the Municipal Committee in conference with Government and after such negotiations have been concluded that will adequately safeguard the public interest.

D. C. CANEGATA,

2nd Member for Christiansted Town and Suburbs.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Money Bill come up for discussion and that it be furthered.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) in introducing the Money Bill said,—Mr. Vice-Chairman. I think Members have had sufficient information on this matter. If this amount is made available the Municipal Committee will be in a position to confer with Government and negotiations for the land can be taken up. I introduce the Money Bill and ask the approval of the Council.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. In a previous remark it was said that some of the land may be used for pasture. Will any portion of this additional land be used as a pasture?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chair-

man. When we secure the balance of the 103 acres of land we can prevent any cattle grazing on it and thus avoid pollution.

It was proposed by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*), seconded by 1st Member for said District (*Fleming*) and unanimously adopted that 1st discussion be closed.

1st discussion closed.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The s. s. *Guiana* will sail from New York on February 2nd, instead of January 30th as previously announced.

The hydroplanes which have been here before called again yesterday morning and afternoon, staying the night over.

The two cannon and parts have now been put aboard the pontoon lighter, and with the clearance of remaining junk in progress the wharf is being restored to its former presentable and inviting appearance.

For the first time since the mail has been carried by the steamship *Catherine*, it was received in Christiansted at 3 30 p. m. on Saturday last, this being the earliest on record. It was also a small mail, due to the receipt of others by the *Bolivar* and *Parina* during the week, and the poor Post Office people got home before actual nightfall for a change.

With Mr. Ledeart in the basement of this office catering to the trade produced by the presence of the two navy tugs, and Mr. La Bega's ice cream parlor at the top notch of efficiency, there is a liveliness around this quarter, which we hope to see continued during the cruise of the fleet in these waters.

We congratulate our esteemed townsman merchant H. de Chabert on the completion of his 86th birthday today.

The eloquent Archdeacon Caunt preached at the morning service in the Anglican Church yesterday.

Correspondence

Dear Mr. Editor:

To call the proposed Cistern or Reservoir American Taxpayer would sound rather funny—Whoever heard of a Cistern being a Taxpayer?

If the Cistern should have a name—why not call it the Doctor's Cistern to remind us of the interest taken in this worthy undertaking by our first native Physician?

Yours truly

AMERICAN CITIZEN.

BOXING

The big bout at the Christiansted Theatre between Kid McCoy and Viggo Roberts, came off as scheduled on Saturday night. Only a small crowd was on hand when the first preliminary bout got under way. This bout, an exhibition affair, was rather tame. The principals, Fred Rasch and Lambert Martin, went three rounds, no decision. The second preliminary, Ludvig Hansen versus Harold Dyer was a trifle more entertaining than the first one. This also went three rounds, no decision.

The main bout was put on immediately after the Hansen-Dyer tussle. McCoy and Roberts both appeared to be in good condition, and they put up a hard fight. McCoy appeared to have the advantage in the first three rounds, but the judges thought otherwise. Neither Roberts nor McCoy exhibited any real class, but the Kid appeared more scientific. A vicious right upper cut was McCoy's chief asset when on the offensive, while Roberts relied almost entirely upon short arm right hooks. At the end of the sixth round, Roberts was declared the winner and the crowd went wild. At first McCoy took his defeat in good spirit, but he soon changed his mind and decided to argue that only five rounds had been fought. The crowd swarmed into and around the ring shouting lustily, some thought five rounds were fought and others six. McCoy and his supporters were finally overruled and order restored. "Tan Sanah", well known in St. Croix boxing circles, refereed the preliminary bouts, while Alfred Cummings, erstwhile welterweight champion of the Virgin Islands, handled the main event.

—Communicated.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Jan. 23rd.—Five steps for the relief of the agricultural situation in the Northwest, some to be taken by the Congress, some by the executive branch of the Government and some by private interests, were outlined by President Coolidge today in a special message to Congress. The steps include: The refunding of the pressing past due indebtedness of the farmer in the territory most seriously affected. Financial assistance through a federal agency to enable wheat farmers to make the change from single crop system to diversified farming. The restoration, wherever it would be helpful, of the imperial capital of banking institutions in the distressed sections. The creation by private capital of a substantial financing corporation to assist in the plan of reorganization. The extension of the time during which the War Corporation can make loans.

New York, Jan. 24th.—A good demand was reported for raw sugar today. Prices were unchanged at 6 65 for Cuba's, duty paid.