

tion and needs immediate repairs. At the time this bill was placed before this Council I did not see the necessity of repairing the small wharf. That was the impression I had. But seeing the result of the recent swells I came to the conclusion that the quicker it is repaired the better it will be for the Municipality. Therefore I recommend the bill to the favorable consideration of the Council.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Inasmuch as an amount has been budgeted for repairing the large wharf in Frederiksted and that is not done as yet I move that the large wharf be repaired before the wharf in question be considered.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I am going to vote against this money bill today, not because I am against Frederiksted, or because I want to close the back door as an Honorable Member has said, but because I do not think we should vote one way in the Municipal Committee and another in the Council. The Municipal Committee has already recommended that the repairs already completed seem adequate and therefore does not consider it necessary to make further repairs at present. Probably I will, when the budget is presented in the next three months, change my mind.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I was one of the Members of the Municipal Committee that inspected the wharf; I did not see the necessity of making repairs then, but I have seen it since and I find that it needs immediate attention.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The reason that was given why the wharf should be repaired is because the Fleet was coming in these waters. If I am not mistaken the Fleet has practically come and gone.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Fleming*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. As a resident of Frederiksted I wish to point out that both wharves need repairs, and as Frederiksted is the main harbor and the entrance to the island I propose that they be repaired. I see nothing else that could be done but to pass the bill so that our front door can be put in order.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*): I am not voting for the money bill for those reasons.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*): Mr. Vice-Chairman. It would be a waste of time to vote for this money bill; if we do the money will revert to the Colonial Treasury, because the Public Works Officer has his hands filled and cannot start repairing the wharf before next year.

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

man. The Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District is putting the Council on the right track. He says that the Public Works Officer has so much work that he cannot start repairing this wharf before after July 1st.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I am speaking very much in the interest of Frederiksted. If we pass this bill today we cannot get this wharf repaired. Don't burden the Public Works Officer too much. Let us get the big wharf repaired first and when the budget comes up we can talk about the small wharf.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Curry*): The Public Works Officer should be heard from. This matter has been put off once before.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. The wharf in Frederiksted is an old subject. I was at the meeting of the Municipal Committee when the wharf was inspected. It was recommended that the wharf remain as at present as the repairs already completed seemed adequate; and as an amount has already been appropriated for the purpose of repairing the big wharf let us proceed with that.

Government Secretary (*Zane*) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. I have just been informed by the Public Works Officer that it will not be possible to undertake the repair work on the wharf in Frederiksted before June 30th.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*): May I ask if Government would agree to withdraw the bill.

Government Secretary (*Zane*) Government begs to withdraw the bill.

The bill was accordingly withdrawn.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The s. s. "Surinam" on her way to New York will not call at Frederiksted.

CORRECTION.

In yesterday's Avis, 3rd page, 36th line from top please read "Christiansted" instead of "Frederiksted".

DISTINGUISHED GENERAL OFFICER VISITS SAINT CROIX.

Major General Joseph H. Pendleton, U. S. Marine Corps, accompanied by Mrs. Pendleton, and his Aide-de-Camp, Captain Pedro A. del Valle, U. S. Marine Corps, arrived in Saint Croix on Saturday, 15th March 1924, on the s. s. Catherine, to inspect the Marine Corps force stationed here.

Captain Greenslade, U. S. Navy, Commander Mine Squadron 1, and Senior Officer Present, accompanied by Captain and Mrs. Frank D. Creamer, U. S. Marine Corps, boarded the Catherine

when she came to anchor off Frederiksted on Saturday afternoon, and conveyed the General and his party ashore in his private barge. The party then proceeded to Christiansted by automobile. Upon arrival the General was met by the Guard of Honor from the barracks, and the band from the U. S. S. Shawmut, which rendered the honors due a Major General. The General inspected the personnel, equipment, material, and grounds of the garrison, and expressed himself as well pleased with conditions.

After dinner at the Marine Barracks, where the distinguished guests were entertained by the Commanding Officer of Marines and Mrs. Creamer, assisted by their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Reynolds, the entire party proceeded to the estate of Mr. Robert Skeoch where a Reception and Dance was being held for the naval officers on the ships off Frederiksted. The General, Mrs. Pendleton, and Captain del Valle, were much gratified with this opportunity to meet the representative people of Saint Croix, and expressed their regrets at not being able to remain for awhile, as they were charmed with the island and its people.

General Pendleton graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy, 1 July 1881, and has had a long and distinguished career in the Marine Corps, having been decorated for valor on several occasions. The General is in command of the Department of the Pacific, with Headquarters at San Diego California. He is at present on a tour of inspection of the Marine Corps Forces stationed in the West Indies. He retires from active service in June and will reside at Coronado, near San Diego City, California, where he and Mrs. Pendleton have bought a beautiful home.

Captain del Valle is not a stranger in these waters. He is a native of Porto Rico, and graduated from the Naval Academy in June 1915.

The party left for Saint Thomas Sunday afternoon, carrying away with them kind thoughts and pleasant memories of the hospitable people of Saint Croix.—*Com.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Berlin, March 14th.—The Stinnes interests have received a concession from the Russian Naptha Corporation for the exclusive selling rights of lubricating oil in Germany, Czecho-Slovakia and the Scandinavian countries. It is to be put into effect immediately.

Washington, March 14th.—An agreement has been reached between the United States and Canada whereby they will create national commissions to co-operate with the joint engineering board in planning the proposed St. Lawrence Great Lakes deeper waterway project.