

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 thirteen bonds at Francs 1,000 has taken place, resulting in the drawing of the following bonds:

Numbers

34
38
49
62
78
270
317
372
378
414
432
493
494

These thirteen bonds are hereby called in for redemption on 11 June, 1924, after which date the bonds will cease to bear interest.

ST. THOMAS HARBOR BOARD,
24 April, 1924.

WM. S. ZANE,
Acting Chairman,
St. Thomas Harbor Board.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. To me it does not matter a particle whether the fee remains at \$25.00 or whether it is reduced to ten cents, but you have to take into consideration that while all this is going on in the Council and some members are filibustering the people are suffering.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): Mr. Chairman. I want to know by what authority the butchers are paying the present fees charged for the use of the slaughter house. I would like this question answered by the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. I was present at the last meeting and so was the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District at which time I gave full information; however, I will state that

the fees can be put in force by executive order.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): And made retroactive?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to be understood. The Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town does not understand me. I am in sympathy with the bill. All I recommend is that the butchers have the free use of the abattoir. That's all I recommend.

4th Appointed Member (Blickwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am in sympathy with this bill as I have a great deal of complaints from butchers in West End. They are complaining that the fee charged at present are excessive.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) withdrew his motion for a committee of 5 members to receive and report on the bill and moved that 1st discussion on the bill be closed.

It was put to the vote and carried that the ordinance be furthered.

The motion made that 1st discussion be closed was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

1st discussion closed.

With Government and the Council's consent 2nd discussion was opened.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to reiterate what I have said. If you compel a man to go to the slaughter house to butcher he should be allowed to do so without having to pay any fee.

The Chairman: The Honorable Member can send in an amendment to that effect.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have listened attentively to the discussion on this draft of ordinance. It seems to me that the present draft is intended merely to reduce the amount charged for the use of the slaughter house. As the amount proposed in this draft is only to secure funds with which to keep the slaughter house clean I recommend the draft as introduced.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If I may be permitted to make a few remarks. This is the first time that I have seen this ordinance and therefore it is impossible for me to tell whether there is a reduction in the present fees and therefore an additional burden placed on the Colonial Treasury. But I would like to say that I intend to determine whether or not an additional burden is being placed on the Colonial Treasury in order that I may advise His Excellency, the Governor, of it, because this is certainly no time for additional expenses to be undertaken by the Colonial Treasury for the operation of the Sanitary or other executive departments.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) moved that 2nd discussion be closed.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town

(Jackson) handed in an amendment, which is as follows:

AMENDMENT

to Draft of an Ordinance Providing a Schedule of fees for the use of a slaughter house in St. Croix.

1. That hereafter there shall be charged no fees for the slaughter and inspection of animals at the slaughter house in St. Croix.

D. HAMILTON JACKSON,

1st Member for Frederiksted Town.

April 14, 1924.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to say that the members of this Council are going to place additional burden on the people by delaying this matter. I don't believe that is right. Legislative affairs must always be a matter of give and take. I don't believe that everything should be free. You cannot keep a proper check on animals killed for food if the inspection is free. I always believe in being an opportunist. So is every good seaman and every good physician and every one by whom any good has been done, and may point to the supreme example of all, a philosopher, a statesman, a profound teacher, whose advice is put the least invalid from the fact that he happened to be an apostle. I refer to St. Paul, who has left and recorded for the use of all a sentence which ought to be remembered by every public man, viz: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient."

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not mean that this community should get everything for nothing. If the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town think so I would prefer that this matter be threshed out by a committee. A certain butcher kills four cattle a week, that's one dollar fees per week. From that source where does the economy comes in?

The Chairman read and put the amendment proposed by 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) to the vote.

2 Members voted for; 9 against.

The Chairman remarked: The amendment is lost.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Something might be gained by referring this matter to a committee, I have not had time to go fully into it. It would seem from the statement made by the Honorable 3rd Member for Christiansted Town that the fees will be doubled for some.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am convinced that this Ordinance will not work hardship on any one, on the contrary it will help the poor people. I move that 2nd discussion be closed.