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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, April 16th.—The Duke of York, the Daily Mail declares, is to be appointed Governor General of one of the British overseas dominions in the near future.

London, April 16th.—Great Britain's informal diplomatic contract with Soviet Russia, effective for the last two years through the maintenance of trade missions in London and Moscow will be continued, it was stated today in official circles, despite the recent straining of relations due to the Bolshevik war on religion and the insulting Soviet notes in answer to the British protests while the present Soviet methods of handling foreign relations are highly unpleasant, generous allowances are made for the Bolsheviks who, officially, as well as popularly, are still considered in England as quite uncivilized in their regard to diplomatic forms and customs. It is stated that the chief task of the British mission in Moscow is that of observation, which, under the present system, it is possible to carry on with accredited officials. The British believe this method of watching developments in Russia is better than the unofficial indirect surveillance upon which countries without representatives in Russia must rely.

Guayaquil, April 17 h.—The volcano Tungurahua is in a state of strong eruption, huge flames rising from its crater and showers of rocks are being shot into the sky, despatches from Riobamba says, while hot stones are raining in the environs of the City which are covered with these and fine sand.

MEMORIAL

presented by St. Croix Colonial Council to the Secretary of the Navy, Congressmen and Senators visiting St. Thomas April 8, 1923.

The Colonial Council of St. Croix in caucus assembled, in view of the visit of the Honorable Secretary of the Navy and Congressional party to St. Thomas desire to present for consideration, certain suggestions for improvement in matters pertaining to the welfare of the island, which are largely if not wholly dependent on Congressional aid and cooperation.

I. This Council is aware that the general condition and prospects of the Colonial or Municipal Treasury is far from what may be desired, and as much as we desire to see a material improvement in this particular, it is our opinion that this cannot reasonably be expected without a thorough revision and reform of the entire system of administration. In support of this we would draw attention to the great lack of proportion between the budgetted revenues and expenditures as set forth in the appendix below; as well as the total federal appropriations made to the Virgin Islands.

Period.	Estimated Revenues as per Budget.	Estimated Expenditures as per Budget.	Apparent Deficit.
April 1, 1917 to March 31, 1918	\$149,730.00	\$183,819.72	\$ 34,089.72
April 1, 1918 to June 30, 1918 (3 months period)	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 39,782.12	\$ 21,482.12
July 1, 1918 to June 30, 1919	\$120,740.00	\$255,530.05	\$134,790.05
July 1, 1919 to June 30, 1920	\$141,200.00	\$263,625.27	\$122,425.27
July 1, 1920 to June 30, 1921	\$188,300.00	\$355,263.99	\$166,963.99
July 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922	\$166,000.00	\$337,528.61	\$169,928.61
July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923	\$132,400.00	\$271,397.57	\$138,997.57

Period	Actual Revenues	Actual Expenditures	Actual Deficit	Federal Allotments
April 1, 1917 to March 31, 1918	\$159,028.00½	\$152,443.74	\$ — —	\$ 8,000.00
April 1, 1918 to June 30, 1918	\$116,935.09	\$ 35,594.15	\$ — —	\$ — —
July 1, 1918 to June 30, 1919	\$158,041.73	\$221,997.60	\$ 63,955.87	\$ 40,000.00
July 1, 1919 to June 30, 1920	\$211,267.37½	\$260,530.70½	\$ 49,263.33	\$120,432.50
July 1, 1920 to June 30, 1921	\$219,725.70½	\$337,820.82½	\$118,095.12	\$120,000.00
July 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922	\$281,491.64	\$315,693.77	\$ 31,202.13	\$ — —
July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923	\$ 95,678.34½	\$162,551.59	\$ 66,873.15½	\$ 79,764.80

(The actual Revenues and Expenditures are from July 1, 1922 to February 28, 1923).

II. While some progress in securing modern public improvements has been made, a great material drawback to the island of St. Croix is the prolonged periods of drought from which it at times suffer, our resources are inadequate to conduct any researches that will be of any material benefit or permanent improvement, we therefore recommend that certain experiments should be undertaken in actually drilling artesian wells to determine as to the practicability for furnishing water for man and beast.

That the Federal Government should send United States reclamation experts to investigate and report as to the possibility of impounding water dur-