

action on the ordinance, but if we went to work hastily and taxed ourselves not knowing where we were going to get the means to pay, it would not be to our credit. Personal tax as I understand is a very troublesome tax, and the method of collecting it, as far as I can see, makes it a very unpopular tax. The Congressional Commission was here for a short time, and I don't believe they were justified in condemning our present method of taxation in such a whole sale manner as they did. I want to say something on waste land, the subject assigned me by our Chairman for the St. Thomas convention, but for some reason better known to himself than to me he failed to call up.

Land not put to any use according to Government Statistics for the years 1890-1902 is divided as follows:

East End Quarter A.....	1,232 acres
" " " B.....	2,591 "
Company's " " " " " " " " " " " "	236 "
Queen's " " " " " " " " " " " "	50 "
Northside " " " " " " " " " " " "	300 "
Northside " " " " " " " " " " " "	505 "

Total 4,914 "

This acreage has only been reduced 12 acres since the year 1862 and is practically speaking a tropical jungle, which the cost of clearing would be prohibitive, for if they ever were cleared, there is nothing yet discovered that they could be used for that would produce a profit. I cannot believe that the Congressional Commission when here in 1920 could have been well posted on this waste land that has always been exempt from taxation, or they would not have suggested that it be taxed heavy enough to compel its owners to cultivate it, which would only mean their ruin.

To be continued.

LOCAL

S. S. "Paria" from the Islands arrived here this morning and is loading 2,250 bags sugar from St. Croix Sugar Factory, Inc. She sails this p. m.

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the Wharf to-morrow evening. By request "Banddidn't strike" (The Band Didn't Strike) will be played again.

The agents advise service by steamship Marina temporarily withdrawn, effective May 17th.

The results of yesterday's elections of members for the Colonial Council for the towns are as follows: Christiansted, Dr. D. C. Canegata, only nominee, elected with 106 votes; Frederiksted, D. Hamilton Jackson, elected with 43 votes. One hundred and thirteen votes were cast in this town, 6 invalid and 1 no. In Frederiksted Messrs F. Coulter and A.

M. Golden received respectively 42 and 5 votes. Congratulations to the successful candidates.

The Industrial and Native Brass Band serenaded the successful candidates last night.

Today is election day for the country district. Two seats are vacant in each jurisdiction; as far as Frederiksted is concerned, the retired members, Messrs. F. Andersen and G. B. Fleming have been renominated and it may be safely assumed will be reelected. For Christiansted country district there are three candidates; one of them, Mr. H. Jessen, has served a previous term, and as has already been pointed out in this paper, made a good record. The "game-law" which has been charged against Mr. Jessen by those who have probably been hunting for some ground on which to oppose his reelection, was, as far as we can understand, a government bill which he as a member of the council, was requested to introduce and speak upon as is the custom. This bill probably has merits anyway. The other candidates, Messrs. H. Berg and O. C. Granady, are new men; men with ability and we have no doubt sincere desires to fulfill a public duty. As we knew at the opening of the campaign, Mr. Berg, as he has since publicly advised the electorate, is running not against, but in cooperation with Mr. Jessen. With the test made of the one, and the zealous earnestness of the other, it is our belief that they will work strongly and conscientiously to forward the interests of the electorate and the public in general. Mr. Berg is a man of independent mind, powerful and reasonable in his conclusions and ready to stand by his convictions regardless of personal feeling or party prejudices. In soliciting support for him at the polls this afternoon, it is believed that the electorate can confidently depend on it that they will not regret their choice.

"PARENTAGE" APPEAL TO THE CHILDREN.

If you are interested in your children—if you care for their growth, their education, and future happiness, "PARENTAGE", a heart drama, now to be shown at The West End Movies, is a film which will make a direct appeal to you.

Vital questions of everyday life are brought out in a most sincere, human, and entertaining manner. Questions, such as: "Do you teach your children the vital truths of life?"—"Do you demand health rather than wealth from the man who is to marry your daughter?"—"Do you know who are your children's companions?"—All come in for their share of treatment in this thought film of real life.

Into a story that is clean, wholesome and entertaining, are injected these punches, which make parents think about the welfare of their children.

In the first thread of the story, a child is born under the handicap of coming into a loveless home; another child is born into quite a different home, where good cheer and happiness radiate. The influence of the two fathers upon the children is made particularly emphatic, and the character of the boys, unfolding in their home life, in their school days, and in their hours outside of school, is humanly and dramatically portrayed. Both boys fall in love with the same girl, and then is brought out the vital necessity of parents protecting their daughters; of parents understanding the motives and ideas of their children and their children's lives. Then while the story develops and the forces build into heart pulling effects, the thought punches become stronger, acting for the heart appeal, human interest and plot development.

Every adult will be glad that they saw "PARENTAGE"—any child can see it, it is so clean, and so well produced by Hobart Henley, that it never offends, but interests, inspires, and instructs.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

St. Johns, N. F., May 8th.—The Squires Government tonight had a substantial majority in election results tabulated to date in the general election. Of the 35 seats in the Assembly the Government now has 17 the opposition 10 and the remainder have not been heard from.

Perth Australia, May 8th.—Mr. Donald Mackinnon, Ex-Attorney General, has been appointed Australian Commissioner to the United States.

Lausanne, May 8th.—Turkey today refused to permit insertion in the Lausanne treaty of an article authorizing Belgium, Poland, Portugal and Czechoslovakia as powers who fought with the Allies during the war, to subscribe to the treaty when the document is signed. Ismet Pasha said these powers were not invited to Lausanne and Turkey preferred to inaugurate special negotiations with them for such reciprocal arrangements as seemed desirable. Nothing definite was accomplished by the conference today, as Ismet Pasha interposed objections to almost every clause considered and all matters were sent back to the experts. Ismet declined to commit Turkey to the signature of any convention governing traffic in arms, emphasizing that to do so might embarrass Turkey's relations with a third power. Allied delegates said later that this was interpreted as an allusion to Russia and as indicating Turkey's intention to maintain freedom of action, so as to be able to export arms to the Caucasus in case Russia called on her for help.