

WEST END MOVIES

FREDERIKSTED

Saturday Night 8.15

Trifling With Honor

8 REELS.

OBITUARY

It is our melancholy duty to record the passing away yesterday at 11.30 a. m. of Mr. FREDERICK C. JACKSON, SR., ex-policeman, and joiner in his 76th year, following a period of failing health, he having been confined to his home for the past weeks. The deceased was a much respected member of this community where he was born and resided all his life, 37 years of which were spent in the service of the Police Department until 1916, when he left the force through conscientious objections to execute an order of the Captain of the Gendarmery Corps. Later on Mr. Jackson was engaged by the Danish administration as street inspector for which job he showed himself to be well fitted effecting some good work in the repair of the streets of this town. He was in receipt of a liberal pension from the municipal treasury, passed by the local council, which indicated the sympathy and regard he enjoyed as a deserving public employee and citizen. Of his immediate relatives a son, Bandmaster Jackson, and two daughters, survive him, and our sympathy is extended to all bereaved.

The funeral is fixed for 4.30 p. m. this afternoon from the residence No. 43 and 44 Company St. to the Lutheran Church.

LOCAL

The musical and dramatic entertainment given at the Labour Union Hall last night by the "Mite Missionary Society" of the A. M. E. Church, was well attended and afforded an enjoyable evening to an appreciative audience. Talent and humor were not lacking and the parts by the little children were commendably rendered.

The sloop "Mizpah" with St. Thomas mail is here this morning.

We have been asked to say that the new post office boxes are now installed and ready to be rented. Those who filed application for boxes and others interested will kindly call at the post office and arrange.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, March 1st.—The revenue measure arrived in the Senate today,

United States Press Representatives' Visit To St. Croix, Virgin Islands, U. S. A.

THURSDAY February 21st, 1924.

AS REVIEWED BY BUMBLE BEE EN ROUTE

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(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

As we motor on, we pass through the well cultivated fields of "Strawberry Hill"; incidentally, this is the most eastern plantation of the West Indian Sugar Factory. And now turning south and again east we pass estate "Diamond and Ruby", the property and residence of the Hon Robt. W. Skeoch, Vice-Chairman of the Colonial Council, and an eldest son of the famous old Scotchman, the late Robert Skeoch. Beginning with this estate, the cane grown goes to the St. Croix Sugar Factory on the coast near Christiansted. Continuing with a turn to the right and then to the left we pass estate "Sion Farm", one of the largest estates in the island, and some seventy years ago the property and residence of Admiral Christmas, a retired officer of the Danish Navy. He was a jovial and kind-hearted man and frequently entertained his friends with most sumptuous banquets. No mansion of the day was better known for its festivities than Sion Farm. On the right is estate "Castle Coakley". The cones of its former two windmill towers is an evidence of keen industry looking toward increased production. Steam mills for grinding sugar canes began displacing wind mills shortly after 1840.

Motoring along, to the left in the distance is a hill on which is situated estate "Sion Hill" with its old cone standing out against the sky line. This estate enjoys the unique distinction of being the last estate to make sugar by windmill power, their last crop season being in 1886. Necessity of the times forced a change as it was better to receive the value of six pounds of sugar for 100 pounds of cane, the very best the old windmill could produce with its crude machinery than to pay the consequent bills for manufacturing, receiving not more for the gross product than was obtained by delivering the cane direct to the Central Factory at its grinding station not far distant. Continuing, before we make our next turn to the right we see on the hill to the north the ruins of the residence of former Governor Von Scholton, which is estate "Bulowsminde". It is frequently called "General Hill" by the old natives as being the residence of the Governor General of the Danish West Indies. The building was 600 feet above sea level with a clear view to the north of St. Thomas, 40 miles away. Even the houses on the hills of the town are visible almost any day, and the steamers entering and leaving the harbor, while the tiny fishing boats form an addition to the scenery as they ply their trade. The view to the west from this elevated position was a beautiful landscape of sugar estates and cane-pieces stretching for miles in the distance forming a gigantic chess-board. Here Major-General P. von Scholton, one of the most active and versatile governors that ever held office under the Danish regime, who was Governor from 1827 to 1848, made his country residence. It was a large massive structure, with many rooms and spacious halls and marble steps leading up to the main entrance. Adjoining was a large stone building called "Hafensight" and modestly known as "the cottage", built as the residence of his house-keeper. The estate had been carved out of three adjoining estates; to the west, from estate "Constitution Hill"; from the estate "Beeston Hill"; and to the north estate "Belivue". This made "Bulowsminde" an estate of 75 acres. A road with an easy grade was laid leading up to the residence while another road was built as an exit to the east and west. To accomplish this estate, owners on the island were each requested to send artisans and laborers from their properties, a levy being about ten each week. Thus each estate contributed toward the erection of this summer palace. The property remained intact until the summer of 1899 when it was badly damaged by the hurricane, then, shortly afterwards by fire, and finally by the hurricane of 1916. The largeness of the building and the absence of anything like a remunerative tenant prevented reconstruction by the owners.

As we look around from our position, away to the north the experienced eye can discern the remaining building of estate "Rattan". That estate, until sold some thirty years ago, was the property of the Towers family who had held it for a great many years; and large-hearted though peppery Patrick Mc Dermott from Connought, Ireland, had been its manager and attorney for the family for many years. He had come to St. Croix in the year 1828 at the age of 28 years, and quickly assumed a responsible position in the life of the island. He lived here until his death in 1904, dying at the excellent age of 104 years, an active and energetic man until his last days. Had the visitor of today come in his time, he would have insisted that every mother's son of them, no matter how many, take "pot-luck" with him, no matter when, where, or how it was to be accomplished. His heart was so big, his hospitality so spontaneous, and his personality so strong that it would have been impossible to plead stress of business as a pretext of refusing.

Now as we continue our journey, we turn to the right and upon our left is Peter's Rest School House, another of the educational monuments erected in preparation for