

(Canegata) proposed that 2nd Discussion remain open until after recess. Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 21 was also postponed until after Recess.

Item 6.

Colonial Council Bill No. 22.

Resolution assigning additional land to the Leper Asylum. Introduced by 3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch).

Colonial Council Bill No. 22.

2nd Session 1919-1920.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in session assembled:

1. That the rectangular field to the South West of the Leper Asylum ca. 5.18 acres, at present belonging to Richmond as detailed in Government's letter of October 11, 1919 be assigned to the use of the Leper Asylum.

ROBT. W. SKEOCH.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District [Robt. W. Skeoch] introduced the Resolution and said, Mr. Chairman. I have been asked to introduce this Resolution which is now before you. The land referred to belongs to the Municipality and could be put to better use if handed to the Leper Asylum. I ask that the Resolution be furthered.

The Secretary [Canegata] then read communications received bearing on this matter.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members you have heard the correspondence from the various departments read. This is simply a matter of turning over a plot of land to the Assylum.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Resolution be furthered, and that it be subject to one discussion.

No one requesting the word, the Secretary (Canegata) read the Resolution and the Chairman put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman gave a recess of fifteen minutes.

During the recess the Committee appointed by the Council to consider and report on Colonial Council Bills No. 17 and 18 met and 2nd Member for Frederiksted Town [Merwin] was elected speaker of that Committee. This Member being Chairman of the Council vacate the chair to the Vice-Chairman [Coulter.]

[To be continued].

Local.

The schnr. Virginia arrived at Frederiksted at 5 p. m. Saturday with mails from the States etc., the Christiansted part of which was received here the same even-

ing. Owing, however, to the hubbub kept up by the rabble the general delivery had to be discontinued until yesterday when the mails by the Parima arrived.

The S. S. Parima got to Frederiksted Saturday evening and will sail for the Islands this afternoon.

The Navy Band rendered its Sunday evening concert in the pavilion last night.

Tonight there will be what promises to prove a fine exhibition, at the theatre. See programme in this issue and secure seats early.

It is learned that very little cargo has arrived by the Parima, agents in the States being reluctant to make any considerable shipments while the high rate of exchange here lasts.

Nordlyset says the Danish Krone went up on the 16th. inst. from 17 to 18 cents U. S. currency. Even at 28½% that would place the value of the Krone at but Frc. 1.15 or nearly 5 cents less than its normal exchange value.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Dec. 23rd.—Mr. Edward Shortt, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, announced in the House of Commons today that the Government had decided to abandon a scheme which had been under consideration for the formation of citizen guards.

London, Dec. 23rd.—Lt. Col. F. E. Freemantle, Coalition Unionist, was elected to Parliament for the St. Alban's district of Hertfordshire, in the bye-election held on December 10th. Lt. Col. Freemantle had a plurality of 513 votes over the next highest nominee. Mr. J. W. Brown, the Labour candidate, received 9,621 votes. Mr. Milner Gray, Liberal, received 2,474 votes. At the last general election, Sir Hilred Carlisle, Coalition Unionist, was returned unopposed.

London, Dec. 23rd.—Mr. Bonar Law, answering Mr. Hurd in the Commons yesterday, said no communication has been received from the Canadian Government for an imperial conference to be held at Ottawa next year. The time and date of the conference have still to be settled with the Dominions.

London, Dec. 22nd.—Lady Ramsay, formerly Princess Patricia of Connaught, gave birth to a son yesterday.

London, Dec. 23rd.—British forces have occupied Batoum and Baku to prevent the Turks from penetrating the Caucasian region, according to a Moscow wireless despatch.

London, Dec. 23rd.—Knighthood in the Order of the Empire has been conferred by King George on Captain Ross Smith, the first aviator to complete an aeroplane flight from England to Australia. Captain Smith's brother, Mr. Mac-

pherson Smith, who was observer in the recent successful flight, was accorded an identical honour.

London, Dec. 23rd.—Replying to a question by Viscount Brynne in the House of Lords today concerning assistance to Austria, Earl Curzon declared that no great scheme was possible without the help of the United States. Great Britain and France had proposed, and the United States had agreed that they retain Austrian securities as a guarantee for payment for purchases of food for Austria, he said, and America was to have the great pictures, now held in Austria, as her security.

Washington, December 23rd.—The Government has received no proposal that the United States should join with Great Britain and France in furnishing assistance to Austria, as was asserted today by Earl Curzon, in the House of Lords. Officials at the State Department, however, expected that the suggestion may have been broached to Ambassador Wallace at Paris, the United States Representative on the Supreme Council, who was referring it to Washington.

Paris, Dec. 23rd.—Exchange of ratification of the German Peace Treaty before the end of the year, is considered in official circles as impossible. This opinion was formed today when the head of the German delegation here announced that he would be obliged to return to Berlin to consult with the Government on the latest communication.

London, Dec. 23rd.—Law officers of the Crown held a consultation with French and Belgian law offices today with regard to the former German Emperor. It is reported that the Conference made out a case against the former German Ruler and framed an indictment.

London, Dec. 23rd.—Mr. Lloyd George will go to Paris next week to confer with Premier Clemenceau, it was announced today.

London, Dec. 23rd.—Major George Clement Tyron, Unionist member of Parliament for Brighton, has been appointed to succeed Brig. Gen. Seely as head of the Air Ministry.

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LONDON, Dec. 26th 1919.

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