

Hallo Country Folks, What's It Now?

SOME MUSIC FROM YOUR OLD FRIENDS THE CENTURY BRASS BAND,

ON SUNDAY JUNE 4TH, the Century Brass Band will be out on a tour visiting the estates they did not visit on the first tour about two weeks ago.

The Entire Band will render a Concert at Bethlehem and among the pieces to be rendered are several Danish favourites. At the end of the Program, the Band will play the ENGLISH, FRENCH, DANISH and AMERICAN Anthems.

Everybody regardless of class, creed or color is invited to the Concert and asked to do their best to assist the Institution in the purchase of the Eb Baritone Saxophone.

Look out for the Program later.

AT THE ADVENTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY NIGHT JUNE 1

Subject:— The Remnant Church of Rev. 12:17.

COME!

F. HALL,
Pastor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

Item 11.

Colonial Council Bill No. 19.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 19, Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, introduced by Government, granting Frcs. 25,000 to the St. Croix Municipal Telephone System to extend and complete the telephone trunk lines and to install a telegraph system between Christiansted and Frederiksted and for other needed improvements.

The Bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 19

Third Council, First Session, 1921—1922.

DRAFT OF ADDITIONAL MONEY BILL

to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922.

The St. Croix Municipal Tele-

phone System is hereby granted the sum of Francs 25,000 to extend and complete the telephone trunk lines between Frederiksted and Christiansted and to install a telegraph system between said towns and for other needed improvements.

Proposed by Government.

Despatching Secretary (*Rappolee*) in introducing the Money Bill said, Mr. Chairman. This question of telephone is much older than my tenure of office, and I believe you are more familiar with it than I am. The purpose of this Money Bill is to construct a trunk line to King's Hill, the object of which is to give better service so a subscriber will not hear another subscriber's conversation over the telephone. Another feature of it is to place telegraph instruments in the central at Frederiksted in order that messages that come in here for that portion of the island can be transmitted without being sent over the telephone. The concession to the Municipality requires that telegrams for Frederiksted be transmitted by telegraph. I believe in the last hurricane some of the telegraph apparatus was destroyed and as a result messages have ever since been sent by telephone. There are objections to sending messages by telephone because sometimes they are on private business and can be heard by others, and there is a possibility of having lawsuits for messages sent. Another purpose for the money is, to put poles in Frederiksted in better condition. Mr. Berg, the Manager of the Telephone, is in the outer hall and is ready to answer any question you may wish to propound to him. The income from the telephone System will care for our expenses for upkeep, unless you should want to put in telephone lines for long distances; for instance, if some one wants a telephone up in the East End your income from phone rentals will not take care of that. I think Members of the Committee who went into this matter carefully can furnish Council with valuable information.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (*Alexander*): Another point of question Mr. Chairman. I wish to ask the Chairman of the Municipal Committee if he has in his possession an estimate showing what it would cost to install the telegraph between the two towns.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): Do you mean the placing of the instruments?

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (*Alexander*): I understand it is a line.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): A line for that purpose will cost about three hundred dollars.

Mr. Berg, Manager of the Telephone was called in.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (*Alexander*): I would like to know the

cost of installing the telegraph line?

Mr. Berg: One of the lines we are now using can be used for that purpose. The instrument will cost about two hundred dollars.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (*Alexander*): Then the line is already installed?

Mr. Berg: One of the trunk lines can be used.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (*Alexander*): As the Manager can you state about how many messages are transmitted daily?

Mr. Berg: About four.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (*Alexander*): Can you state what the revenues will be?

Mr. Berg: About twenty-four dollars per month?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): would like to know whether the building at King's Hill now occupied by the Police is Municipal or Federal property?

Despatching Secretary (*Rappolee*) answered Federal property.

1st Appointed Member (*Henderson*): Mr. Chairman: If we are going to use only two hundred dollars to buy instruments why vote Frcs. 25,000?

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) read the Money bill and said, The amount asked for is not only to buy telegraph instruments, but also to extend and complete the telephone trunk lines between the towns. A reservation was made by the Municipal Committee in recommending this Money Bill to the effect that the Central at King's Hill be not removed from its present position. There are some other outside improvements which might not be favorable to the passage of the bill; the lines to "Annally"

placed in such a way [on trees] that when the wind blows, it blows it down; the line has not been there one year as yet and it has been down about twelve times. I am speaking both for the community and myself, because I am interested in the telephone myself. If a car is going at fifteen miles an hour and a telephone line is in the way it is very likely it may take the top of the car off, and it is dangerous to lives of persons. I know of two persons who nearly lost their lives in that way. All that is due to the fact that the Manager of the Telephone is trying to save a few poles. When the line to "Annally" was being put up I spoke to Mr. Berg about that and he said there was no money and he was trying to save a few poles. It seems to me Gentlemen that the bill brought in is necessary. When we look at our revenues and the prospects of increasing it, it would seem pretty hard to vote any amount, but the telephone is useful, and the aim is to make it more useful. We have our private messages to send and do not wish to talk over the telephone while others are listening. The appropriation asked for is necessary, I recom-