

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

Fourth Council, Second Session, 1924-1925

(Concluded from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. What the Despatching Secretary has said may be correct but my view is different. If this Council pass a resolution and the Governor sanctions it the amount is obligated, and if the money is put into the Treasury of St. Croix it can only come out with the approval of the Governor and the sanction of the Council. No one in the Comptroller Department Office could have anything to do with it.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It would appear that the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town is in doubt otherwise he would not have brought in this resolution. I don't think it necessary to bring in this resolution. However, if the Honorable Member insists in putting it through I will bring in an amendment to take care of the other new work that will not be completed by the end of June. It could be that it is the Municipality's money that will be left over at the end of the year and not Federal money.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. I understand that the Governor has been informed that the cistern will not be completed by June 30. Before the order was written I spoke to the Public Works Officer about it and any one who views the work can readily see that it will not be completed by the end of June.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) brought in an amendment to the resolution which reads as follows:

## AMENDMENT

to Colonial Council Bill No. 23

Fourth Council First Session 1923-1924

add: after the words Mar. 17, 1924:

The unspent balances for road work, and for the wharf in Frederiksted also under item 51 of 1923-24 budget.

F. ANDERSEN,

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District.

Despatching Secretary (Barrett) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It seems as if this resolution may now be compared to a snow ball rolling down hill; the further it goes the larger it becomes and there is no telling into what it might develop. With this in view Government asks that it go over until the next meeting of the Council as there is no data on hand to know how much money has been

spent and how much will be left over.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. In view of the remarks made by the Despatching Secretary I would suggest that the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District withdraw his amendment and introduce it as a separate resolution in the next meeting of the Council.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): Mr. Chairman. I always like to take advantage of the working ability of the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town. I see no reason why I should withdraw the amendment. I ask that the vote be taken on it.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. As regards the road work the Honorable Member needn't be afraid. If he look on the submitted budget for next year he will see an amount for continuing the road work; and the wharf in Frederiksted is half way completed. That makes the second part of his amendment unnecessary. As far as I see there is no need for the amendment.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) remarked: Mr. Chairman. As far as I can see the wharf is more important than the cistern.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): The Honorable Member is entitled to his opinion. I will not argue with him.

The amendment brought in by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) was put to the vote. 7 members voted for; 2 against.

The Chairman remarked: The amendment is adopted.

It was proposed by 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) and adopted that the resolution, in view of the remarks made by the Despatching Secretary, go over until the next meeting of the Council.

There being no further business before the House the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.40 p. m.

## Correspondence

Christiansted, June 12th 1924.

Editor "Avis"

Dear Sir:-

We note in the local papers that "Foolish Wives" will be screened at the Christiansted Theatre. This is a rather interesting feature play we understand and consists of 15 reels. Therefore, with the hope that it will be well patronized and the efforts of the proprietor of the theatre repaid in securing a good expensive picture, we venture to suggest that this film be shown in two nights or if a one-night show that the show start much earlier than usual so that everybody will have an opportunity of being present. While there are many people who go to the theatre regularly, there are probably

more who would go just as regularly if the show opened earlier, or at any rate was over latest 10.30. It is impossible for some people to sit up until 11 to 11.15 and 11.30 p. m. at a show which, however interesting, incurs a strain on the eyes and nerve to which not everybody is equal. Some time ago a twelve reel picture show, was screened at the barracks from 8 to 10.30 p. m. We are sure that the proprietor of the Christiansted Theatre will do his best to accommodate all his patrons and give his consideration to this matter.

Faithfully yours,

J. S. R.

## LOCAL

The last of the series of meetings to be held in the Lutheran Church of this town will take place this evening. Judging from the large attendance at both morning and evening services it is plain to be seen that these meetings have proved a success, and church goers have been refreshed by the soul stirring sermons delivered by the various ministers. It is hoped that the good minister in charge, Rev. Christensen, will soon make it convenient for another enjoyable week of spiritual revival.

## REPORT AND ESTIMATE ON IRRIGATION POSSIBILITIES ON ISLAND OF ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS, U. S. A.

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(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

30. Aside from the above there are no catchment areas on the Island that are large enough to appear worthy of study at this time. However, in case any of the above projects may be built and found to be successful, a number of smaller ones, about equal in magnitude to "stock" ponds in the United States and from which a few acres might be watered, may be undertaken by individual planters.

31. *Agricultural Land and Crops:* There are approximately 20,000 acres of arable land on the Island, the major portion of which is, or has been, in actual cultivation, about 90% of the cultivation being in sugar cane and the balance in cotton and miscellaneous. Of this 20,000 acres it is not believed possible to ever irrigate more than about 15% to 20%, so with full irrigation development the problem of the Island for the major portion of its lands must be solved through some other means than irrigation. The suggestion is offered that this means might be: The gradual development of more diversification in farming and especially the raising of crops that require less water than does sugar cane,