

and every care and curative treatment known to medical science is administered. The Institution now cares for about 75 lepers all those known to be in the Virgin Islands, today it is very rare occurrence for the authorities to locate a leperous patient outside of the precincts of the Asylum and the loathsome disease is being rapidly stamped out of the Virgin Islands.

(To be continued.)

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr. Vice Chairman. As it seems necessary to make a number of changes in the list of fees I propose that the matter be referred to a committee.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Jessen) seconded the motion.

The Vice Chairman: Before the vote is taken I would like to hear the opinion of other members.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. I wish to draw attention to the fees for the use of the slaughter house. No fees for the use of the slaughter house has ever been fixed by the Colonial Council. My attention was called to that a few days ago, unfortunately too late to bring in a bill to provide for the necessary remedy; however, I sent the individual to the Despatching Secretary. I will relate the case—At present every butcher is charged \$25.00, whether he kills a goat, a pig, or a calf, once a year or every day, he pays the same amount. I think that's a shame. When the slaughter house was built I was a member of this Council and also a member of the Municipal Committee and I know that no fees were fixed for using it by the Council. After the slaughter house was erected a certain man went to the Sanitary Officer and proposed that \$25.00 be charged every butcher for using it; his idea then was to put every other butcher out of business. That has been going on for sometime, and many persons have made sacrifices by securing licenses, but were afterwards told that they cannot slaughter without paying \$25.00 per year.

The case I have in mind is that of a boy, his father died and rather than become a public charge, he took up the work his father had been doing by killing a goat occasionally, but he was told he cannot continue unless he pays a fee of \$25.00 per year. I do not think this is right. I have sufficient confidence in the Government to believe that if this condition is brought to its attention the matter can be easily adjusted, therefore I ask that something be done to afford the necessary relief. If it is necessary I will bring in what I think is required to remedy the situation at the next meeting.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. The case is a very worthy one, but the story is too long. The Honorable Member can bring in what he considers necessary to remedy the situation, and we will support it.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town

(Jackson) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. I want to make the story a little longer. The precedent is a dangerous one. A butcher who hadn't the \$25.00 killed a goat in his back yard and sold it and he was fined \$10.00. He has his license and cannot work. The Ordinance under which they are working dates back to 1879. The tax of \$25.00 per year on the butcher is unlawful, that is to say, it has never been passed by the Council.

The Vice Chairman remarked: If all the stories are over I will take the vote for a committee of 5 members to receive and report on this matter, but before doing so I will give a recess.

A recess of 20 minutes was given.

At the resumption the Vice Chairman asked members to prepare their voting tickets for the election of 5 members to receive and report on the ratification of fees for services performed by the law courts.

13 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected were: 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) with 12 votes, 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) with 11 votes, 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) with 10 votes, 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) with 8 votes and 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) with 7 votes.

1st Appointed Member (Coulter) received 5 votes, 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) 4 votes and 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Jessen), 2nd Member for said District (Berg), 3rd Member for said District (Root, W. J. Skech) and 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) with 2 votes respectively.

The Vice Chairman asked the Committee to elect its Chairman and proceed to business so as to be able to send in its report before the next meeting.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. For the information of the Committee who is to deal with this matter I wish to say that a similar measure is pending before the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John. I would suggest therefore that the two committees consider the possibility of coordination among themselves with a view to fix a schedule for both Municipalities, as the court procedure is the same, and as the officer serving in the court is precisely the same for both Municipalities. If the Chairman of the Committee care to have it I can furnish him with the name of the Chairman of the Committee sitting on this matter in St. Thomas.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The agents advise the s. s. "Parima" from New York as due at Frederiksted today 1 p. m., having 182 packages freight and 10 bags mail, which may be looked for on return trip of the mail car this afternoon.

With reference to the buying up of mail order catalogues for the purpose of destroying them to eliminate competition against local trade as cited in Monday's issue, our comment was made on the basis of what we read to this effect in continental papers. Whether this practice has been tried here or not we do not know, and those who imagine that we referred to local dealers are mistaken as to the wording of the article.

The navy tug "Grebe" called at this port yesterday, landed an automobile for one of the nurses, and some mail, and returned to St. Thomas in the evening.

The sloop "Mizpah" was duly dispatched with the St. Thomas mail yesterday.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Copenhagen, March 14th—Bills aiming at the stabilization of Danish exchange have been proposed to Parliament by the Government. They provide for an extraordinary tax from three to five percent on all incomes of more than 1,400 kroner annually. The proceeds would be set aside for three years, after which the taxpayers would receive 4½ percent bonds.

Ottawa, March 14th—The supremacy of Canadian made automobiles and motor trucks in the New Zealand market, is shown in returns published in the Commercial Intelligence Journal, issued here by the department of Trade and Commerce. Canada sold nearly twice as many cars in New Zealand last year as the United States did and quadrupled its own 1922 business.

London, March 14th—The newspapers commenting on the assistance given France by the Anglo-American Bankers to arrest the fall in the value of the franc, assert that the Allies have again saved France from disaster, as they did in the war.

Baltimore, March 14th—Ten survivors of the Ward Line S. S. Santiago, which sank in the storm off Cape Hatteras last Tuesday night, were landed here today. Captain Baldwin went down with his ship, lashed to the mast. The first and third officers were washed overboard when they tried to retrieve a hatch cover that had broken loose. The survivors had no word of the rest of the crew of 35, they believed all but themselves were lost.