

Despatching Secretary about Lincoln's Birthday being a holiday and holding meeting on said day, he communicated with Governor and received a radio reply saying that the Governor would not change the day and that Council meeting would be held on the 13th according to the list of ordinary meetings. The list of ordinary meetings is fixed by the Governor and he only has authority to postpone such meetings for a period of two weeks. It is for this reason that the meeting was called by me.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that Governor Oman had promised us that he would not declare more holidays for this island than those given by the ordinance governing this island. I would like to ask the Acting Government Secretary whether promises made by previous Governors would be kept by the succeeding governors. I think such promises should be duly recorded and followed, if compatible with the ideals of the succeeding Governors. I would like to have the Government to bear in mind that this island is an agricultural community and the holidays not included in the ordinance are, for the welfare of the island, not desired.

Acting Government Secretary (*Clarke*) remarked: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I would like to say that as far as we are concerned as to whether promises made by one governor would be kept by another, we know of no such promises having been made, but if such promises were put to the Governor in writing and signed by the members of the Council, they would be made a matter of record, and I am sure the Governor would take the necessary action.

The Chairman remarked: The law which was passed giving the privilege or authority to the Governor to proclaim holidays, was for extraordinary purposes only, and not for holidays which are customary in the United States. I took this matter up when May 30th, 1921 was proclaimed a holiday. I objected to it and said that the day was not a public holiday according to our ordinance and not so desired. Mr. Fox, former Despatching Secretary, informed me that Governor Kittelle had proclaimed the day as a holiday and it was his privilege to declare any day he deemed fit. I did not object this time because I was turned down last year, but simply reminded Government that the day fixed for Council to meet was a holiday.

Acting Government Secretary (*Clarke*) remarked: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I shall immediately take this matter up with the Governor when I get back to St. Thomas. The Governor has the general welfare of the island as well as the individual welfare at heart, and if these holidays work hardships on the people he will stop them. The Governor does not know this, but I can see no

reason why Council cannot transact business on this day

(To be concluded)

EDITORIAL.

Today, Messrs. Hugo Goldbeck, manager of Estate Bethlehem; Herman T. Hansen, Inspector of Police at Kingshill, and Julius Joachim Petersen, bookkeeper at the National Bank in this town, complete twenty five years of residence in St. Croix, having arrived here Feb. 18th 1897, to join the Colonial military force, respectively as corporal, bugler, and sergeant. The three of these gentlemen after serving their terms entered private life here, Mr. Goldbeck securing a position as overseer at Estate Jealousy, Mr. Hansen a similar situation at La Grange, and Mr. Petersen a clerkship in the office of the St. Croix Sukkerfabrik, Christiansted.

Mr. Goldbeck has continued to follow his adopted agricultural vocation, and is today recognized as one of our most experienced and competent planters, gaining the regard of the directors of the West India Sugar Factory in whose service he has been nearly all these many years, as well as the goodwill of the laborers and others working under him.

Mr. Hansen did not long pursue a country life. In 1902 he entered the Police force in this town as Policeman; in 1908 was promoted Jailer, and in 1913 Overbetjent (Chief of Police), in which latter position he remained until 1917 when he was appointed Inspector of Richmond Penitentiary and Richmond Sickhouses and Leper Asylum. In 1918 changes were made, the institutions were administered separately, and Mr. Hansen was designated Inspector of Richmond Sickhouses and Leper Asylum under the Department of Health, Medical Service. This position was abolished or amalgamated with some other in 1920 and Mr. Hansen was appointed Inspector of Police at Kingshill, the duties of which post he is discharging with that efficiency which has characterized his career in public service.

Mr. Petersen also had a shy at the Police Force in 1903 or thereabouts, but entered the service of the National Bank when that Institution was established here in 1905 and is still there, now filling a position of trust and with a creditable record behind him. As a philanthropist, Mr. Petersen has rendered good service to maintain the existence and promote the welfare of the St. Croix Højre Skole, now St. Croix Graded Grammar School of which he is treasurer.

Two of the subjects of this sketch have married and raised families in this island; Mr. Goldbeck has not yet joined the army of Benedicts, but is none the less a good useful citizen, and we take this opportunity of extending to them all on their completed quarter of a century

sojourn among us, hearty congratulations and all good wishes for their continued success and prosperity for many more years.

LOCAL.

The S. S. "Fort St. George" is due at Frederiksted on Wednesday 22nd inst. at 6 A. M., leaving shortly after arrival. All passengers must secure their tickets not later than Monday 23th.

We have received a program for the aquatic and other sports arranged for Washington's Birthday, Wednesday next, but regret that lack of space does not permit its appearance in today's issue. Readers are reminded to look out for same on Monday 20th.

The S. S. "Marina" due Christiansted Monday noon, leaving Frederiksted Monday night 20th inst.

Football.

"GILLETTE" AND "EVER READY"
TO MEET ON HOLGER DANSKE
GROUND AGAIN TOMORROW AT
TERNOON.

Tomorrow afternoon on the Holger Danske Ground the "Gillette" and the "Ever Ready" Football Clubs will meet again for another contest, as the last one resulted in a draw game, each side showed excellent playing, but the "Gillette Boys" are determined this time to defeat the "Ever Ready" which is going to be a hard nut to crack, both sides being strong.

We hope to see as large a number of spectators as last Sunday, and we are quite sure they will be well amused. Kick off at 4.15 p. m. precisely.—*Com.*

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ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Feb. 13th.—It is announced unofficially that the British empire exhibition advertised for 1923 will likely be postponed until 1924. A British mission is now in South Africa working up interest in the exhibition and is due to arrive in Canada for the same purpose in August.

Demerara, Feb 14th.—Deputation from Indian Govt. to investigate local conditions in connection colonization scheme arrived on Sunday by Ingoma. The delegates are Messrs Duvan BPK, Pillai Deputy President Madras legislative council, V. N. Tivary member of servants of India Society and C. F. Keatings C. I. E. C. S. until recently director of Agriculture in Bombay presidency.