

charged for the drilling of wells, both public and private, under such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Public Works Department and approved by the Governor.

AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that a sufficient deposit shall be required of all private parties in amounts sufficient to amply protect the Municipality against loss, and such deposits may be made on a pro-rata basis in such manner that at no time shall there be less money on deposit than is required to cover the expenditures made.

Proposed by Government.

Christiansted, 26th May 1924.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The purpose of this Resolution is to provide a fund for the operation of the well-driller both for the drilling of private and public wells. I think the text of the bill itself fully explains the method of operation of the fund, and I may add that when it became necessary to devise means of undertaking the drilling of wells, in order that it might not be necessary to call an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for this one comparatively small purpose I talked the matter over with the Chairman of the Municipal Committee, who agreed that it was a feasible plan and that Government could proceed to operate under it in the hopes that the Colonial Council would see fit to confirm the procedure by passing this ordinance.

It was put to the vote and unanimously carried that the Resolution be subject to one discussion.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr Chairman. I presume that this amount shall be taken from Equipment under Public Works Department. May I ask how much of that fund is expended and how much is not expended?

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: It will be noted Mr. Chairman that this ordinance was proposed on April 29 at which time there was in the neighbourhood of Franes 4,000 under the Frs. 25,000 of Item 50, and it is under that item of Franes 4,000 the financing of the well driller has been proceeded with. Of course that means that in cases of private wells the schedule of fees for private wells brings in money which is added to it and all expenses are defrayed from the proceeds.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman: It is stated in the Resolution "Provided, that the entire cost of well drilling, including labor and materials plus a fixed percentage thereon to cover repairs and depreciation of equipment shall be charged for the drilling of

wells, both public and private, under such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Public Works Department and approved by the Governor." I understand that provision is put in the Resolution because there are certain persons on the island who want to make special arrangement.

Government Secretary (Zane): Mr. Chairman. I see no reason why under that wording any regulations which are evolved by the Public Works Department and approved by the Governor would not be effective.

No one requesting the word further the Chairman closed the discussion, read the resolution and put same to the vote.

11 members voted for; none against.

The (Chairman) remarked: The Resolution is adopted and goes to Government.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL

A stormy meeting which lasted until after 9 p. m. marked the Colonial Council's final discussion and passage of the budget yesterday. The Government Secretary who arrived by the Grebe attended the meeting but left before 7 p. m. The Despatching Secretary was also present and most of the members.

The s. s. Guiana for New York is due at Frederiksted at 6 o'clock on Friday morning.

The s. s. Baracoa sailed from New York on Saturday evening; having 24 tons of cargo for Frederiksted, and 58 tons for Christiansted.

CORRECTIONS.

In first page of yesterday's Avis, 2nd column, 31st line from top please read: "conduct of matters at Washington exclusively relating to the Irish Free State should be entrusted to a Minister Plenipotentiary" etc.

In third page, 2nd column, 11th line from top please read: "The motion made" instead of "make".

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION AT THE QUEEN LOUISE CHILDREN HOME

By
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It was a great pleasure last evening to those present at the graduation of the little tots at the Children Home.

One can hardly believe the possibility of such little children being trained to turn out such work as the things displayed. Much credit is given the presiding sister and the young ladies who has spent and is spending their time and energy in preparing these little ones for the public schools which the little gra-

duates will attend at the reopening of the schools. This preparation will eliminate the labor of the teachers they are going to meet.

It certainly takes enthusiastic spirits to participate with the training of such little ones, for some parents with two or three think it a great burden and trouble to train them, thus we can imagine the daily task of training so many.

The Rev. Christensen gave the address in place of the Despatching Secretary who was unable to be present.

The parents and guardians who were present ought to take a lesson from the Minister's address when he said: "The training of a child should commence as soon as a child begins to walk, so that when the child reaches the age of re-education it will be on the right road."

From the work seen, done by the children in the line of drawing and manual training, we see good soil that needs good cultivation.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, June 26th.—Deadlocked in advance and its fighting fever mounting, the Democratic National Convention was called at 10.30 today to drive forward with the reception of nomination speeches, while platform builders struggled on with their weighty problems. This was another day of tumult and fervour, interspersed with oratory. Only 3 nominations had been made when yesterday's adjournment ended the one hour demonstration staged on behalf of Mr. McAdoo and about 17 remained on the schedule, including that of his leading rival, Governor Smith. The candidates nominated yesterday were in order Senator Oscar Underwood, nominated by Alabama, Senator Joseph Robinson by Arkansas and William McAdoo, by California.

Vancouver, B. C. June 26th—Fifty thousand citizens of Vancouver gave the British Special Service Squadron a great welcome when it arrived in the harbour yesterday afternoon. The City's official welcome took place at three o'clock on the Dallakyne Pier, where the Major, the City Alderman and others met Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Field and his staff. An illuminated address was read by the Major, to which a brief reply was made by Sir Frederick. The city is in festive attire, the main streets being a mass of colour with flags and bunting. A magnificent arch of welcome has been erected at the corner of Granville and Gorgia Streets. Last night a civic dinner and dance was tendered the officers of the fleet. A half holiday had been proclaimed by the Mayor. A magnificent buffalo head, the gift of the citizens of Calgary, will be formally presented to Vice Admiral Field on board the Hood this morning by Alderman Crawford, of the metropolis.