

sted Country District (W. H. Fleming) Yes
 2nd Member Frederiksted Country District (Curry)..... Yes
 3rd Member Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) Yes
 4th Member Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) Yes

The Chairman announced the vote taken as follows: Yes 25. No 3.

Hon. George H. Woodson, Chairman U. S. Commission to Virgin Islands, addressed the Council as follows: May it please the Chairman of the Colonial Council, its Officers and Members, and also all of our—here is where a fellow gets stuck—I am going to say Fellow Citizens of the United States, for that is what we expect it to be, that's what the President wants it to be and that's what it should be. In regard to this resolution I have nothing to say except that the Commission compliment you for passing it so that we can transmit it to Washington, D. C.; and those who ask what will become of it and where it will go—As God liveth, and if this Commission live—it will go to Washington, and will not be pigeon-holed, but action will be taken upon it.

I want to thank the people for the courtesies extended to the Commission, I mean from His Excellency, Governor Williams down. The Commission urge that you people of these islands throw away pessimism and take on the spirit of optimism; work and pray and you will bring better days to these beautiful islands. In this instance it may not be out of place to say that this is not a political commission. The people of the United States have long been interested in these islands and its people. Rumour has reached the Mainland that the people of these islands are starving and the President has been concerned and has appointed this Commission to come down and investigate and report. That's what we are charged to do, and that's what we will do. This Commission will recommend all that it feels will tend to further the interest of your islands.

From the time we landed on this island we have been receiving courtesies, courtesies which could be extended to even His Excellency the Governor of these islands, courtesies that make us feel like carrying back the most pleasant recollections of this island and its inhabitants.

One word more. At every section of the streets, on the highways and in the byways, the Commission has tried to make known its earnest desire to have the most humble citizen place his grievances before it. We have done everything that could be done and we stand ready until the ship is ready to lift its anchor on Saturday morning.

You have the finest climate that I have been in since I was born; you have the

most beautiful scenery, and St. Thomas has the most beautiful harbor, and I see no reason why with a little effort you could not make this island the most beautiful spot in the world.

I have said too much, but before I resume my seat I wish to thank the people of this island, His Excellency the Governor, Government Secretary (Zane), Despatching Secretary (Barrett) and every one who has had to do with the comfort of this Commission. We thank you deeply and assure you that we will do all that lies in our power to further the interest of these islands. I thank you.

The Chairman (Merwin) remarked: Mr. Woodson and Gentlemen of the Commission. I thank you most heartily on behalf of the Council over which I am now presiding for your kind remarks. I feel that your spirit of optimism is true and that there are better days in store for us, but our people must have a little patience and realize that the country to which we belong has just emerged from a great war and have spent a great deal of money for its successful prosecution. I was told in Washington that the Government is interested in these islands and wants to do all that is possible to bring about a change for the better. Prosperity is sure to come. I ask every one to write the words or rather have printed on paper and posted on his windshield of his automobile, the words "I will do it for St. Croix" and in St. Thomas "I will do it for St. Thomas."

This means you and each of you will work night and day for the interests of the Island in which you were born or resident of as well as you can say it for the Virgin Islands. From all I gathered and was promised me in Washington I see a harbinger of good luck for these islands. May God make it true.

5th Member for St. Thomas Town (Thiele) remarked: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Colonial Council of St. Croix. We the Members of the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John thank you for the good time given us. We came over with great expectation and we are not disappointed. We hope that this is not the last time the two Councils meet together, and we thank you moreso, because by meeting with you we have the opportunity of meeting with the Federal Commission again and to hear such beautiful speeches as we have heard today. We all feel confident that our high hopes will be realized. I thank you Mr. Chairman.

There being no further business before the House the Chairman (Merwin) declared the meeting closed at 5.10 p. m.

LOCAL

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the wharf tomorrow evening.

The s. s. Parima arrived at Frederiksted at 4.00 p. m yesterday from New York. Thirty-one bags mail for this town were received and distributed in the evening.

The sloop Mizpah with St. Thomas mails arrived at Frederiksted this morning.

Tomorrow being a legal holiday there will be no issue of this paper.

It is advised that the post office will not be open tomorrow Washington's Birthday.

Correspondence

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I.
 February, 20, 1924.

To the Editor of the "Avis".

Dear Sir,—

Some time before noon yesterday while working at my profession, I heard the Telephone, leaving my business to answer the call; upon arriving to the Phone the Lady at the central said, "the Despatching Secretary would like to speak with you"; So I said Hallo and the Secretary answered: He said Good morning Mr. Forbes and I returned the complement too.

So he went on to say have you seen the notice in the papers, I said yes, "are you going to help us out to-morrow by donating your Car"? My answer was I cannot. *What I would like the Secretary to know that he has insulted me; especially when the Official Notes Specifically stated "who so desire, would donate the use of their cars for this party etc."*

Yours truly,

A. SLBASTIAN FORBS.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Chicago, Feb, 18th — Mr. MacAdoo will remain in the Democratic Presidential Nomination race if he abides by the decision of his supporters from four states today. Unanimous approval of his candidacy was voiced before the meeting recessed this afternoon.

Washington, Feb. 18th.—Mr. Theodore Roosevelt Assistant Secretary of the Navy announced after half an hour's conference with the President today, that he would not resign, as the result of the retirement of Secretary Derby. "I have just been to see the President and I am not resigning," Mr Roosevelt said.

St. Johns, N. F. Feb. 17th.—The first cross-country train for a fortnight reached St. Johns last night from Bay of Islands. For more than ten days rotary ploughs and other snow fighting apparatus have been bucking the big drifts.