

Publication.

IT is hereby made known that the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax for the first half year 1923 will be received by the Director of Police in Christiansted and Frederiksted from the 20th January 1923 to the 10th February 1923, both days included, after which the list of arrears will be transmitted to the same authority for further measures.

Each debtor of tax will be subject to a fine of Frcs. 1.00 if the tax be under Frcs. 25.00 and Frcs. 2.00 if the tax be Frcs. 25.00 or above, besides the ordinary levy expenses.

The tax-lists will be distributed by the Police and are to be filled out in conformity with the ordinance of February 22, 1853 and returned to the respective Police Offices within 48 hours in the towns and 4 days in the country.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the U. S., St. Croix, December 27th, 1922.

C. E. RAPPOLEE,
Despatching Secretary.

Publication.

FROM THE POLICE.

ALL owners of dogs are enjoined with in the ending of January month to procure from the Police Office (for Kingshill District from Kingshill Police Station) the signs for dogs prescribed by the Police Regulations, which according to same must always be worn by the dog, and for which Francs 10.00 must be paid for the dogs in town and Francs 2.00 for those in the country.

After said time dogs met not wearing the sign of 1923 will be caught and brought to the Police Office (Kingshill Police Station) and detained for 3 times 24 hours, when it will be killed, unless the owner appears to claim the dog, pays a fine of Francs 15.00 and eventually procure the required sign.

Christiansted's Police Office, St. Croix, the 27th December 1922.

F. COULTER,
Director.

Clyde Steamship Co.

"FOREIGN SERVICE"

(Steamers operated by the Clyde Steamship Co., Foreign Service, for account U. S. Shipping Board.

THE S. S. "BOLIVAR"

sailed from New York on Saturday; and is due here on or about the 30th inst.

ROB'T. L. MERWIN & Co. INC.,
Agents.

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FROM THE POLICE.

IN accordance with the Ordinance of 14th November 1903, § 3, all owners of firearms in Christiansted's Jurisdiction are hereby notified that a new sign must be taken out for 1923 before the 15th of February a. c.

Christiansted Police Office, St. Croix, the 27th December 1921.

F. COULTER,
Director.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 19.
Week Ending Dec. 22, 1922.
Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
Frederiksted	Senior High	98.57	100.00
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	100.00
Frederiksted	Public	97.12	99.42
Diamond	Rural	100.00	98.88
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	98.80
Frederiksted Jr. High		98.05	98.05
Christiansted Jr. High		98.65	97.97
Christiansted	Public	96.09	97.80
La Princess	Rural	100.00	94.10
Friedensfeld	Rural	95.80	93.27

Quebec Steamship Co.

THE S. S. "GUIANA"

is expected to sail from New York on January 4th 1923.

ROB'T. L. MERWIN & CO. INC.,
Agents.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COLONIAL COUNCIL

FOR ST. CROIX.

Continued from yesterday's Avis.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. In regard to mongoose I see a section is added to take care of the killing of moongoose. I would like to ask where the money is going to come from to pay for the killing of mongoose? Does not this mean a small additional money bill? The question of the extermination of mongoose is a big one and should perhaps be dealt with in a separate ordinance. I have recently been reading a pamphlet by one of the Directors of the Zoological Garden in London regarding the extermination of rats. He has come to the conclusion that the only effective way to exterminate rats is to catch them alive in large traps, kill all the female and let the males go loose, for if

there is a greater number of male they would do so much fighting and annoy the remaining females so much that they would exterminate themselves. I found this interesting and thought I would mention it to the Council.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I think it is against public policy to have in this ordinance punishment for buying these animals. It is all right to punish the law breakers. As vigilant as Congress is it has not yet succeeded in making a law to prevent people from buying whisky. The word "purchases" in Section 2, line 5, Section 4, line 3 and Section 6, line 3 should be stricken. These laws seems very simple until someone is accused of breaking it. In Section 4 it says:

"Any person who between January first and June thirtieth knowingly or wilfully kills, wounds or takes deer or fawns, etc."

I think there should be inserted the words "unless for the protection of garden crop." That sounds simple, but I feel it should be inserted. I see the offense is called a misdemeanor. In Section 10 the law says:

"Any person convicted of offense against this ordinance shall be liable to a fine of not less than Frcs. 25 and not exceeding Frcs. 125.

I believe it would be better to strike out the word "misdemeanor" as there might be misunderstanding.

The Chairman remarked: If the Honorable Member desires, he may put his amendment in writing.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry): I merely make the suggestion. I suppose time will be given to make those amendments.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. While I do not quite follow all the amendments proposed by the Honorable 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District I agree with him as regards the punishment. As far as my knowledge goes a misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of \$100 or one year in jail or both. As the speaker on the Committee Report asks that the bill be put through this afternoon I propose that 2nd discussion be postponed until after recess so as to have this matter adjusted.

The Chair heard on objection the matter was accordingly postponed.

Item 2.

Ratification of fees fixed for services performed by the Law Courts pursuant to Section 28, Chapter I, Title I of the Code of Laws for St. Croix.

The Chairman remarked: This matter was brought up at the last meeting and on motion made by the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town and adopted by the Council it was ordered that the same be printed and circulated to Members. That has been done and