

er they wish to have it introduced today or not. It has not been placed on the Order of the Day, therefore it is necessary to have a three-quarter vote of the House to further it.

It was put to the vote and unanimously carried that the matter be forwarded today.

The Chairman being the proponent of the bill and wishing to express his opinion upon it, asked 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood), the Senior Member of the House, to take the Chair.

Accordingly the Member took the Chair.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeach) in introducing the Money Bill said,—Mr. Chairman. This draft of Additional Money Bill is before every member. In the remarks you will see that the Lighthouse Inspector and the Deputy Collector of Customs for St. Croix have petitioned the Government for telephonic communication between Frederiksted and the Lighthouse at "Hams Bluff". This petition has been on file for over one year; it was refused on the grounds that it was too expensive. Since then other residents in that direction have filed applications for phones.

There are times when boats coming from St. Thomas are becalmed, and have to row to shore, the persons in the boats often suffering from hunger and thirst; if for no other reason, I think this would make it necessary for the Lighthouse to have a phone. To the residents along the line it is not only a luxury but a necessity, as in case of sickness a few minutes may mean all the difference between life and death. It will not be paying proposition, that we all agreed upon, but it will be a great comfort. The telephone system, as it is today, is not a paying proposition but by taking more phones it might be made a paying proposition.

(To be continued)

## EDITORIAL.

In his article in yesterday's issue of the "Avis", Mr. Ashley L. Totten, a native of Saint Croix and an old friend of this paper, advocates the establishment of a Wage Board for the purpose of meditating, regulating and incidentally adjusting a current scale of wages. Such a board, commission or whatever it be called, could undoubtedly serve a valuable end if properly used, and it has occurred to us many a time that it is just such a body that is needed at the present time when because of inability to meet on common ground there is a deadlock in one of the most important questions, the agricultural labor question. Of course, such a board, should consist of neutral parties not animated by partisan motives of any kind, but having due con-

sideration for the rights and welfare of both sides and be kept posted with the of commodities, wages and other data to enable a just ruling in regard to local economics. Just like the tariff commission fixed the duties and other taxes, having the material for a competent decision, so such aboard as that in question would regulate minimum wages which would so be so fairly adjusted that nobody would ever want to kick against the decisions of the board from which there would also be no appeal. The Colonial Council at its last meeting is understood to have had the bringing into existence of a commission to serve a similar purpose under consideration, and it would be well if it succeeds, and moulds its commission i to one of real usefulness, having the authority and recognition of Government which would be informed as to the working of the same, and as to the action of this board in regard to regulation of wages from time to time.

## LOCAL.

The Raporel S. S. W. M. Tupper arrived here Tuesday noon from New York via St. Thomas and Frederiksted, discharged her cargo for this port and sailed for St. Kitts in the afternoon. She brought 16 bags mail for Christiansted.

The S. S. Parima from New York arrived at Frederiksted yesterday and sailed again in the evening for the Islands. This boat brought 35 bags mail for Christian town.

We have been ask to mention that the Industrial Band will give a concert on the Wharf this evening.

The Creole with St. Thomas and Porto Rico mails arrived here yesterday after a passage in very calm weather.

## Correspondence

Christiansted, Oct. 27th 1921.

To the Editor St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir:

I read Mr. Totten's article in your issue of today's date with interest.

As Mr. Totten speaks of the deportation of aliens, it might not be amiss to remind the Government that at this present moment there are aliens here who are acting in a manner they dare not attempt in their home.

What? Spread the seed of unrest among the people?

Write sarcastically, without reason whatever, of the Judges?

Try to defy the decision of the Courts?

All these and more, when in reality they are supposed to preach Christ.

The public has been enduring a lot of

this stuff recently, and hopes that the Government will use its power to deport such parties. It is being drastically done in our sister island for less grave offences.

Why not apply the same measures to St. Croix?

With thanks Mr. Editor for space allowed,

I am,

Yours truly

A NATIVE.

## YOUTHFUL COUPLE MARRIED.

McFARLANE-OVESEN.

Miss Julia Ovesen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Ovesen formerly of Christiansted St. Croix, became the bride of Mr. Alva McFarlane of Frederiksted St. Croix, on Monday Sept. 19th.

The youthful couple disappeared immediately after the ceremony and could not be found for several days, until a most elaborate reception given at Mr. and Mrs. Gotleff Hoffman's home was in progress.

The chief speakers of the evening were Mr. Louis Fair of St. Thomas an old and well tried friend of the bride's father, Mr. Alex. McIntosh and Mr. Ashley Totten, who advised the couple to follow the example of their parents, and wished them "Good Luck".

The bridegroom's reponse was a source of amusement to the guests who were delighted to hear how he won his little beauty.

It seems, according to his story, he first saw her picture before his departure from the islands, and determined from that time to win her.

On his arrival to this country he set out for the Ovesen home, and got acquainted.

Miss Ovesen is an American born and one of those teasing girls who knows exactly how to kid a fellow along and prove his sincerity.

But Mr. Alva would not be kidded, and got down to the cold hard facts, which resulted in their happy union.

Among the guests present were Capt. & Mrs. Lewis and Miss Keta Lewis, the Misses Bernard and Mr. & Mrs. Rutter of St. Thomas, the Misses Fair, Mrs. Foss, Max. Danielsen, Mrs. Peebles, Mr. & Mrs. King, Mr. & Mrs. John Armstrong, jolly Dan Moorehead, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Barnes, Mr. Fritz Irwin and Mrs. Francis and family.

There was dancing until the wee hours of the morning, it being necessary to secure automobiles with which to dodge a rising sun that sought to show up an array of dress coats and beautiful beaded gowns.

The bride is a niece of the Misses Forbes of Christiansted.

—Contributed by New York correspondent to the Avis.