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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, July 19th.—Through the instrumentality of the Jamaica Imperial Association a meeting held in the House of Commons on the 18th decided to form a West Indies Parliamentary Committee composed of members of both Houses who are especially interested in the West Indies. Lord Burnham spoke of his recent interesting visit to the West Indies and the earnest desire which had been expressed on all hands for closer association with British Parliamentarians, so that the difficulties and possibilities of the various West Indian Islands might be better understood in this country. Lord Burnham also read a letter from the Jamaica Imperial Association expressing the greatest satisfaction at the prospect of such a Parliamentary committee being formed and making its members honorary members of the association. Similar sympathetic communications had been received from the other West Indian Islands. On a motion by Viscount Milner, seconded by Admiral Gaunt, a committee was formed with power to add to its numbers, as follows: Viscount Burnham, Chairman; Mr. Percy Hurd, honorary secretary; Lord Milner, Lord Lang, Admiral Gaunt, Sir Arthur Holbrook, Sir Joseph Hood, Major Astor ("Times"), Lord Apsley, ("Morning Post"), Viscount Salfon, Colonel Rhodes and Sir Martin Conway. The question of the representation of the West Indies at the Imperial Conferences was discussed and will be further considered. It was decided in order to enlighten the committee on various outstanding questions that a questionnaire be issued forthwith to the representative bodies in all the West Indian Islands, as well as British Guiana, British Honduras and Bermuda, inviting a statement of facts and views in general, including questions of the representation of the West Indies in London, the stabilization of preference, steamship connections, all British cable

communication and wireless developments.

Ottawa, July 18th.—Claims of insurance companies for losses through payment of policies held by men killed during the military service, which run into millions of dollars, are not allowable, according to an opinion expressed in a statement issued tonight by Mr. William Pugsley, commissioner appointed by the Federal Government to investigate warfare claims. While Mr. Pugsley makes it clear that the claimant companies need not accept his view and may, if they so desire, press their claims in the usual way, he states that he has given this class of application careful thought and has come to the conclusion that such claims do not come within the provisions of annex 1, part 8 Treaty of Versailles.

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that, effective this date, Lieutenant Commander William S. Zane, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy, has been appointed Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands of the United States, and Acting Chairman of the St. Thomas Harbor Board, relieving Lieutenant Commander John J. Gaffney, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Thomas, July 16, 1923.

HENRY H. HOUGH,
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PUBLIC notice is hereby given that the School Year 1923-24 will begin August 13, 1923.

Sec. 18, Chap. XXXV, of the School Law, provides:

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All children six years of age, or over, (provided they have not already been dismissed from school), must be present in their respective schools at 8:30 a. m. on the above date. Non-attendance, except for legitimate cause, is punishable by fines imposed on parents or guardians.

Children who will not have attained the age of six years by August 13, 1923, but who will become six years of age before February 13, 1924, must also be enrolled on August 13, 1923.

No child, except in the case of a new arrival in the island, will be admitted to school after October 1, 1923, unless he can show fitness to undertake the work of a class already established.

ARTHUR E. LINDBORG,
Director of Education.

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