

## EDITORIAL.

Tomorrow the election of a candidate to fill the vacant seat for Frederiksted country district will be opened at 1 p. m. Inasmuch as the whole council is only as strong or as capable as the able minded men constituting it, it is to be hoped that the election will result in increasing the efficiency of the council by placing there a man who will do justice to his trust. Personal feelings should not enter into the selection of a member for the council nor into objections against competent men who may fail to please each individual in every way. As a matter of fact it should be more a question of whether ability is present in the chosen candidate and not whether he will use that ability right as seems to be the present trend. It is better to have a man who is conversant with the problems affecting the island's welfare than one who has to be told how to vote by others who imagine they know all about it and in reality accomplish little themselves. It is our opinion that Mr. W. H. Fleming meets the need in many senses at this time, and it is to be hoped that a rational electorate will elect him. As far as family connections go in the council which are among the slight objections raised against Mr. Fleming, it appears that it would be awfully difficult to transact any business at all if we scrupled over and had to dive down into the genealogy of everybody before we could deal with someone. Many friends are more clannish than relations and we know that many men in the council at this very time are blamed by the so-called progressive party for siding with family attitudes. If strangers can act like relatives, relatives may act like strangers, or may act fairly at least. It is a bad practice to make a suit for a man before he has been measured; it is likely to prove a misfit. See next page for sample voting ticket as same should appear when deposited in the ballot box tomorrow.

## LOCAL

The s. s. "Parima" from New York is due at Frederiksted today at 1 p. m., having 37 bags of mail and 507 packages.

We have information that the sailings of the *Romanta* in the mail service between Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands will be maintained through the month of September after which the new contract goes into effect.

## Football.

On the Holger Danske Ground Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, an inter-mixed match will be played between members of the Dreadnought Football Club, "Star-

light" and "Lincolmites". Names of players will appear in tomorrow's issue of this paper. — *Com.*

## St. Thomas News

Assistant Director of Education Otto McDonald, who was recently appointed for the Virgin Islands arrived here on the s. s. Bridgetown. He is from Seattle, Washington and is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Miss Maud Gumbs was appointed for Lincoln and Miss Ashtor for Washington Schools today, as teacher.

Captain Arthur Lindborg, Director of Education, is quietly but steadily working for the results in the schools. Teachers and pupils would do well to cooperate. — *St. Thomas Mail Notes, Sept. 1st.*

## TELEGRAMS.

### ST. CROIX STATION.

Forest Hills, New York, Sept. 3rd. — The United States scored a clean sweep today in the final two singles matches of the Davis Cup challenge round, finishing the international championship series with a margin of four games to one over the Australian challengers. After Johnson had clinch the cup by routing Hawkes in the first match 6 0 6 2 6 1, Tilden conquered Andersen 6 2 6 3 1 6 7 5 in a match filled with both brilliant and mediocre playing.

Rome, Sept. 3rd. — Premier Mussolini, it is understood, is ready to withdraw the Italian delegates from the Geneva conference if his viewpoint concerning the conflict with Greece is not shared by the League of Nations.

Athens, Sept. 3rd. — A violent demonstration against Italy took place today, after solemn funeral services had been held in the Catholic cathedral for the victims of the Corfu bombardment.

Paris, Sept. 3rd. — News was received here this afternoon that the Italian representatives had informed the council of the League of Nations that Italy refused to accept the League's jurisdiction in the Greco-Italian dispute. This was taken here as disposing of the proposition for the League intervention, and it is thought highly probable that a direct meeting of Greek and Italian representatives will be held within a day or two, probable at Athens. Information received at the Foreign Office from Greece indicates a desire on the part of the Athens Government to talk directly with Italy and a disinclination to insist upon action by the League. It is declared in diplomatic circles that the League Council has already set a precedent against intervention in a case which is before the Ambassadors' Council. It is recalled that when Albania demanded League intervention to prevent encroachments upon her territory by Jugo Slavia the League Council decided it could not

take up the matter so long as it was in the hands of the Ambassadors.

London, Sept. 3rd. — Italy is holding Corfu, which commands the Adriatic, as a pledge for Greek reparations and is waiting grimly for Greece to comply with her ultimatum. Greece having appealed to the League of Nations is also waiting and Italy thus far has ignored the protest of the Council of Ambassadors against her action in seizing Corfu. The Greek Legation here made public the text of the Greek reply to the Ambassadors' Council proposing the appointment by the Council of a commission consisting of three members for an inquiry into all the circumstances of the Janina crime and declaring readiness, if Greece is found in any way responsible, to grant all reparations decided upon by such a commission. The reply requests the intervention of the Council with Italy. The prospects of an early settlement are not improved. The Italian Government takes the stand that it did not sign the treaty of 1864 which confirmed the neutrality of Corfu and is therefore not bound by the treaty. Further Premier Mussolini has instructed the Italian representatives at Geneva to abstain from further discussion of the affair, and the only hopeful aspect is that Italy seems disposed to have the Court of International Justice pronounce on the League's competency to deal with such an international dispute. The British Government is still firmly supporting the view that the dispute is eminently one for the League of Nations and regards the whole question as sub judice, pending the League's decision. In the event of the League Council abstaining from intervention, it is stated that the Scandinavian delegates are resolved to withdraw from the League, as did Argentina in 1920. Great despondency prevails in Athens, where the fact that Italy was able so quickly to land 15,000 men in Corfu is considered proof of Mussolini's determination. The occupation of Corfu seems to be complete and the Italians have thoroughly organized the place as though for a long stay.

San Francisco, Sept. 3rd. — Every report received from Japan throughout the day either confirmed or increased previous estimates of the havoc wrought in death and destruction by the quadruple catastrophe which has befallen the central eastern section of Kondo, largest of the islands of the Japanese Empire. Beginning at noon on Saturday with a series of earthquakes, which razed most of the city of Tokio and large sections of Yokohama and other cities in the vicinity of the disaster, was continued by fires which broke out in scores of places. Tidal waves followed and then came a typhoon adding a final touch to what is probably the greatest calamity in modern history. A composite of reports depicts Tokio and Yokohama as shattered wildernesses of mortar, bricks, and stones.