

## NOTICE.

ALL Road-holders are requested to have ruts and holes, caused by the late rains in their several allotments, filled as soon as possible, and to remove all debris from the ditches and culverts also to trim all trees hanging too low over the road.

EDGAR W. MEYER,  
Chairman Road Commission.

St. Croix, V. I.,  
July 8th 1924.

## NOTICE.

IN consequence of the strict Immigration Laws of the United States that went into effect July 1st, 1924, it is absolutely requisite that intending passengers for Porto Rico and New York must present full proof of citizenship.

Frederiksted, July 8th 1924.

ROBT. L. MERWIN & CO., INC.

### Son of President Coolidge Dead.

Washington, July 7th.—Mr. Calvin Coolidge Jr., son of President Coolidge, died tonight at Walter Reed Hospital of blood poisoning.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not see where it is possible to stretch the law; the course to be pursued is specifically stated in the law; there is but one thing that could be done and that is to follow the law. I raised the question at the last meeting and I am of the same opinion today that the Honorable 5th Appointed Member has overstepped his bounds and the law should be enforced. I see no reason why the law should be stretched. It is time now that we obey the Colonial Law.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I don't want to enter into discussion on this matter at all, but I want to ask whether it is proper to discuss a matter like this in an extraordinary meeting of the Council? I feel that when we start

to discuss matters like this in extraordinary meetings we are establishing a very dangerous precedent. If you follow the Rules of Business you will see that we are getting into very deep waters.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): Mr. Chairman. Is this Council authorized to expell an Appointed Member?

The Chairman replying to the last speaker said,—An Appointed Member cannot be expelled from the Council without the consent of Government. But when the requirements of Paragraph 34 of the Colonial Law are not fulfilled it makes no difference whether he be an appointed or elected member.

It was moved by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen), seconded by 1st Member for said District (Fleming), put to the vote and unanimously adopted that the matter be continued until the next meeting of the council.

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 30.

2nd discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 29, draft of budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, with amendments.

The Chairman remarked: I have received an amendment from 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) copies of which have been circulated among members, and since amendments have been handed in by 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata), 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) and 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen). I will bring up these amendments at the proper time.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) Mr. Chairman. I would like to know whether a local income tax cannot be put in force in this island? I understand that the present system is not conformable to conditions in this island.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Jessen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I understand that there is a considerable amount of taxes remaining uncollected. May I ask if those taxes are calculated in the revenues or whether there is any hope of collecting them during the coming fiscal year? The taxes remaining uncollected are about Frs. 80,000.

The Chairman in reply to the last speaker said,—I can elucidate that the revenues listed on the revenue side of the budget, both direct and indirect taxes, are based on expected collections for the coming year, it naturally follows that it does not include uncollected taxes.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Jessen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I ask the question because I observe that the Horse, Carriage and Boat tax is raised this year. I would like to know if there is any hope of collecting the un-

paid taxes? As there is such a big deficit on the budget those taxes should be collected.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. That is one of the reasons I had in mind when I proposed that the balancing of the budget go over for six months, and because there is over eighty thousand francs due for taxes and not yet collected.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. At the last meeting the Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee proposed that the budget go over as it is for six months; he had reasons for doing so, and that is why I say we should have some explanation. We cannot come here and vote for miscellaneous revenues without knowing the source from which they are to come. We have no one here to give us information. The only thing I see that could be done is to ask the Chairman of the Municipal Committee for information on each item that comes up.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander): I desire an explanation from the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town. He states that there is over eighty thousand francs due this Municipality for tax.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. I will explain.

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| Total House and Land Tax for 1921-22 | Fr. 35,075.75 |
| Horse, Carriage & Boat Tax           | " 24,195.00   |
| Automobile                           | " 3,956.00    |
| Income Tax                           | " 19,597.00   |

Total " 82,823.75

No further discussion on Direct taxes.

### II. INDIRECT TAXES.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. Is it absolutely necessary that the revenues in connection with the Harbor and Pilot Department be first paid into the Customs Department before going into the Colonial Treasury?

Government Secretary (Zane) in reply to the last speaker said,—Mr. Chairman. In that connection I wish to say that I cannot answer that question specifically. It has been the practice for the customs authorities to collect the taxes and inasmuch as their returns are made to the Federal Treasury, I assume that they are required to take up everything they receive and then it is declared back into the Colonial Treasury. I know that it is the case in St. Thomas and I presume they follow the same procedure here.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. We are losing by that.

Government Secretary [Zane]: Mr. Chairman. That is possible true, but the expenses must come from somewhere, and where must they come from other than gross collections.

(To be continued.)