

NOTICE.

A Reward of \$25.00

will be given to any one who can give information leading to the discovery and conviction of the party or parties that shot a horse on the Estate Southgate Farm on or about Sunday the 20th inst.

Any one found trespassing on the above named estate hereafter will be dealt with according to Law.

St. Croix, 23rd November 1921.

CATHARINE LUDVIG.

LOCAL.

The s. s. "Guiana" for New York is due at Frederiksted at daylight on Sunday morning.

A football match played on the Parade Ground yesterday afternoon between the Athletic Association and the Old Grammar School Boys, resulted in a victory for the Athletic Club by three goals to none. A large gathering witnessed the contest.

Today is Arbor Day and is being fittingly observed in the schools.

Schnr. Creole sailed for St. Thomas yesterday morning and Vigilant arrived from St. Thomas in the afternoon.

NIGHT SCHOOL

Mr. Lindborg, the Assistant Director of Education, informs us that the attendance at the night school held in the the Christiansted Public Grammar School building is so poor that the Government is seriously considering closing it. Only four people applied for instruction the first night and after two weeks of work the school has eleven pupils.

This is not as it should be. The Government has tried hard to secure an efficient staff of teachers. The school should succeed with Mr. George Jackson as principal, supported by Mr. G. Henry, Miss C. Fabio and Mrs. E. Anduze as teachers. Last year more people applied than could be cared for because of lack of teachers. This year the Government has provided an increased staff of instructors. The instruction is free.

The present night school is prepared to take all of those people who were refused last year because of lack of room. There are many people in Christiansted who could spare three evenings a week to improve themselves in the English language and other common school subjects. Many of our great men of to-day have attended night school and there added to their knowledge which they

could not obtain otherwise. Night schools are for those who cannot afford to go to the day school, for those who are beyond school age, for those who must work during the day. Let it be known that we have a night school. Let us give the Government no excuse to close the school because of lack of students.

"The Christiansted Literary and Debating Club"

"The Mutual Improvement Society", which for a time during the years about 1913 to 1915 flourished as a Literary Society in this Town; but which gradually lost vigour and eventually died out; has through the zeal of its still existing members and others been revived, and under the new name and title above-given, been duly organized, and on Monday night last started a new existence.

Nothing can yet be predicted with regard to the certainty of its success—yet in wishing this new Club a bright future we do so with the earnestness that all societies, chiefly for the Literary Improvement of the youth of our community should always have.

We understand that the number started with is nearly 40. This is by no means a small figure for an opening, and with the serious and careful attention of the experienced ones of the past, we are of the opinion that an estimable and commendable record will be theirs in the future. Dr. D. C. Canegata our worthy and honorable country man has been elected President by an almost unanimous vote—and the record of his able and useful service in the former Society for two successive years in the same office, promises much for the welfare of the present and should go far to insure its success.

More need not be said, but to repeat the wish for a permanent life, which we believe that every respectable member of our community will endorse.—Contributed.

A DUTY INCUMBENT ON THE LEGISLATURE OF ST. CROIX.

BY ASHLEY L. TOTTEM.

Out of the many thousand native born inhabitants of the Virgin Islands who have migrated themselves, we find that a large number are in the United States, and the remainder scattered in Cuba, Porto Rico, Haiti, Sto. Domingo and the Canal Zone.

In the twenty-seven British islands there are few, very few indeed.

Virgin Islanders abroad are found to be peaceful and law-abiding.

In these United States, unless naturalized they refrain from any interference with politics whatever.

In our islands and more especially St.

Croix, thousands of British West Indian people have emigrated there.

Twenty years ago when Captain Herbert used to sail in the harbor of Christiansted with boatloads of Barbadians, twenty-five cents a day was the great attraction.

It is as Bailey said to the great captain, "what a wonderful and blessed land this is, eh brother!!! Look at the Rum!!!"

To say the least the presence of this class has been more of a menace to the moral status of the native born in their station of life than anything else.

Murder, arson, theft and rapine increased from time to time.

Yet they enjoyed an unlimited freedom back from the days of the Danish regime, and until the present time.

They are organized so strong that judging from their number the fruits of organized labor yields a much smaller percentage to the interests of native born laborers.

Nowhere in the twenty-seven British Islands could organized labor be made possible.

On the other hand there are some respectable and intelligent aliens whose presence is of great value to the moral status of the islands.

Foreigners who represent capital and who are law-abiding, are by means of economy and thrift contributing to the future development of the islands.

The Barbadian laborer loves St. Croix so far as his means of livelihood is concerned, but down deep in his heart he has an everlasting affection for Great Britain.

Now experience teaches that the only means by which certain conditions in St. Croix can be improved, would be first to bar all aliens from any participation in matters affecting the future of our islands.

The Legislature should pass a law to the effect that all aliens be kept out of office, and should not be recognized as leader or official in any organized group or faction in anything where the interests of the islands and its citizens are at stake.

They should pass a law and pass it soon, to bar undesirable aliens, and to deport those who are a party to violence, street abuses and other outlawry.

For it is an indisputable fact that some of the type who are a nuisance in our islands, are well taken care of in their own country.

Under the flag of the United States the Virgin Islands must be made safe for Virgin Islanders first, last, and all the time.

The rights of its citizens must in every particular exceed those of aliens.

This has long since been adopted by all the other United States possessions, and there should be no tardiness along these lines.

The one and only way to establish