

Council instead of the Chair, because the Council has been notified that Mr. Fleming has been elected and that he has accepted election. I therefore move that in view of the fact that Mr. Fleming was duly notified of his election for over three months has not presented a patent of election in this Council, and moreover has left the island without notifying the Council, his seat be declared vacant.

The motion was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The *Vice-Chairman* remarked: Government will be notified.

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 11, Third Council, Second Session.

Continuation of 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 11, Draft of Ordinance introduced by Government concerning Insanity Law.

The *Vice Chairman* remarked: Honorable Members. This matter was sent to a committee and it was expected that the committee would have sent in its report in time so that it could be discussed today, but no report has yet been received, the matter therefore, will go over to the next meeting at which time it is hoped the Committee will send in its report.

To be continued.

LOCAL

Sloop *Mizpah* returned from St. Thomas with mails and passengers at noon yesterday.

We have been asked to mention that the Industrial Band will give a concert on the wharf tonight.

There was a goodly attendance at the theatre last night at the concluding scenes from the Holy Bible, and the repetition of Beautiful Denmark, both of which appeared to keep the audience highly entertained throughout.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Teheran Persia, Aug. 20th.—Five severe earthquakes have been felt at Turbati-Haidari during the last 24 hours and the inhabitants are panic stricken, say despatches received here. Heavy floods have also caused damage and there are said to be many casualties.

London, Aug. 20th.—Officials of the Foreign Office, Treasury and Board of Trade are now at work on the British reply to the United States note concerning enforcement of liquor prohibition within international maritime limits, and it is hoped to despatch the document within a fortnight. The reply is described as constructive and as offering an advance on previous notes. It is based on the findings of the inter-department committee, headed by Mr. Ronald Mac

Neill, Under-secretary for Foreign Affairs, and will point out the British Government's desire to meet the United States viewpoint wherever possible. The reply is expected to offer certain terms intended to reduce, or do away with illicit traffic in alcohol within the prescribed coastal limits by vessels flying the British flag, but, as already reported, it will reject the twelve mile limit proposed, as constituting too radical a departure from present international practice and the British laws and regulations bearing on sea boundaries and the rights of vessels in foreign waters.

London, Aug. 20th.—The Thames dock strikers have decided to return to work on Tuesday, ending the unauthorized strike that for several weeks past has appeared to form the basis of a possible national dock strike. The strike committee maintains that the workers have won their freedom by breaking with the union, saying that fifteen thousand men have enrolled with the new amalgamation, and will be trained and ready for a fight with the employers.

Washington, Aug. 20th.—68 bands of farmers in the United States will go bankrupt with wheat selling at considerably less than cost of production, Secretary Wallace, of the United States Department of Agriculture declared today, while thousands of others will be able to hold on only by the most grinding economy. If the present plane of prices of commodities, other than agricultural is to be maintained, he added, then to have general prosperity, prices of farm products must be increased. Eastern railroads could help by making substantial reductions in freight rates on agricultural products, especially if destined for export, Mr. Wallace asserted, pointing out, however, that until agriculture and commerce are brought into a more normal relationship, troubles will develop one after the other. The new price of wheat is now a new agricultural disease said the secretary in a statement. It is just one more symptom of the general troubles from which agriculture is suffering. The disease itself is the distorted relationship between prices of farm products and prices of other commodities.

Paris, Aug. 21st.—The French Government's reply to the recent note of Marquis Curzon, the British Foreign Secretary, on the reparations situation was handed to the British Embassy this morning. The hope in French official circles is that this note, indited by Premier Poincare will prevent a rupture of the Entente. Considerable confidence is expressed that the British Cabinet will find it conciliatory and see in it a basis for continued discussion of the Ruhr occupation and the reparation problem generally. There is no concealment of the fact that the reply is largely controversial that Premier Poincare is unyielding on the outstanding features of the situation and that it is not

expected Mr. Baldwin will find the reply conclusive. It is hoped, however, that he will regard it encouraging and will withhold any plans for separate action toward Germany until the points in dispute are further elucidated. There is said to be a tendency to look more favourable on a new reparation conference among the Allies and it is thought to be certain that M. Poincare will see Mr. Baldwin when the latter returns from his vacation today at Aix-les-Bains. The French reply takes up fifty pages of yellow book which will be issued tomorrow together with a summary in both English and French.

Genoa, Aug. 21st.—Terrific hurricanes have marked the change from the heat, which have prevailed here for many days to more moderate temperature. The high winds devastated the noted Summer resort Sestri, to the east of Genoa, where numerous bathing pavilions were wrecked and the roofs of buildings were blown away. The terror-stricken inhabitants fled from their homes. There were no victims.

New York, Aug. 21st.—Tragedy descended on the city during the night when the roof and one wall of the new plaza hall, located at Grand and Havemeyer streets in Brooklyn crushed during a spectacular fire and hurled a number of firemen into the blazing ruins. For hours rescue parties worked frantically in the debris and first reports placed the number of dead at ten. Hampered by the darkness and the intense heat bursting from the smoking flamelit pile firemen and police at nine thirty this morning were able to compile only an unverified casualty list. According to this list two firemen were killed and 47 men, most of them fire fighters, were seriously injured, six persons fatally. The search of the ruins, however, has not yet been completed, for the fire was still smouldering with fitful bursts of flames.

London, Aug. 23rd.—The twentyfourth match of the tour was commenced yesterday between the West Indian cricketers and Norfolk at Norwich. The West Indians went in to bat first and at the close of the days play had scored 198 for the loss of nine wickets. Following are the scores. West Indian XI, first innings. Nones 10, Challenger 7, Austin 17, Small 17, Ince 72, Holt 4, Browne 29, Constantine 7, Pascall (not out) 10, Dewhurst 19, John (not out) 1, extras 5, total 198. The game will be continued today.

London, Aug. 21st.—The Canadian Pacific Ocean steamship "Empress of Scotland" it was announced this afternoon at the London Offices of the Company, struck a submerged wreck between Hamburg and Southampton and as a result will be unable to sail tomorrow. The vessel is now anchored near Portsmouth where passengers who went aboard at Hamburg are being landed.