

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Concluded from yesterday's Avis.)

## Item 9

Election according to title V, Chapter 12, Section 4, of the Code of Laws for St. Croix of a Jury Commissioner.

16 voting tickets were handed in, 3rd Member for Christiansted Town [Alexander] received 4 votes, 2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] received 3 votes, 5th Appointed Member [McIntosh], 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] and 1st Member for Christiansted Country District [Jessen] received 2 votes respectively, and 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson), 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) and 3rd Member for said District [Robt. W. Skech] received one vote respectively.

As none had absolute majority vote a new vote had to be taken.

16 voting tickets were handed in.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town [Jackson] received 5 votes, 2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] 4 votes, 3rd Member for Christiansted Town [Alexander] 3 votes, 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] 2 votes and 5th Appointed Member [McIntosh] and 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District [Berg] 1 vote respectively.

As none had absolute majority vote a vote had to be taken between Members Canegata and Jackson, they have secured the highest number of votes.

15 voting tickets were handed in, one was invalid.

Elected was 2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] with 8 votes.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town [Jackson] received 6 votes.

The Chairman then gave a recess of 15 minutes.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood], 3rd Member for Christiansted Town [Alexander], 2nd Member for said Town [Canegata], 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District [Berg], 1st Member for said District [Jessen], 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) and 4th Member for Christiansted Country District [Ramsay] left the meeting during the recess.

After recess the Council reconvened and the Chairman remarked: Honorable Members, I should have announced at the early part of the proceedings that the minutes of the last meeting have been duly published. I do so now, and unless any member takes objection to the minutes as published I will consider them tacitly adopted.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman, I have an objection to a printer's error - The Income Tax Law was passed by this Council in the year 1918, and not in 1920 as printed.

The Chairman: The necessary correction will be made in the record.

The Chairman then read the following communication received since the last meeting of the Council.

14 May, 1923.

The Honorable,

The Chairman of the Colonial Council,  
Municipality of St. Croix,  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Sir: -

At the last regular meeting of the Colonial Council, the Insanity Law for St. Croix (that was introduced by Government) went over to the next regular meeting. During the proceedings Government expressed a desire to have this law come before Council in the form of an ordinance rather than as an amendment to the present Code of Laws. This necessitates a change in the heading of the submitted draft, defining the purpose of the ordinance. There are therefore transmitted herewith eighteen copies of a heading for the proposed ordinance, which copies it is requested be distributed to each member of Council or affixing to the first page of his respective copy.

The substituting of the new heading will make necessary the striking out of the first sentence of Section 1 of the proposed ordinance, down to the "colon" in the second line after the word "Council".

Respectfully,

C. E. RAPPOLEE.

Despatching Secretary.

## Item 10.

Colonial Council Bill No. 12.

2nd discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 12, from 3rd Council, 2nd Session, draft of an ordinance introduced by Government providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the Municipality of St. Croix, carried forward on calendar by vote of meeting of April 28, 1923.

The Chairman remarked: As this is a new Council and we have new members I think it fair that this matter should come up on 1st discussion again.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] remarked: Mr. Chairman. My motion was to the effect that the bill be carried forward on the calendar on 1st discussion.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked: Mr. Chairman. That's a matter of principle that the new members be not deprived of the privilege of having a say on the ordinance at 1st discussion. In accordance with that, and in view of the fact that the new members have not yet been given a copy of the ordinance, I ask that the matter be postponed until the next meeting.

Despatching Secretary [Rappolee] remarked: Mr. Chairman. Government has no objection to this matter going over on 1st discussion.

It was ordered that the bill be brought forward at the next meeting on 1st discussion.

There being no further business before the House the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4 15 p. m.

## LOCAL

Tonight another of the fine programmes for which the Christiansted Theatre is famous will be screened there. Attention is invited to advertisement in this issue.

The sloop Mizpah with return mail from St. Thomas has not yet arrived. States mail by the Parima which arrived at Frederiksted last night may be looked for this forenoon.

The schooner Vigilant sailed from this port last night for Porto Rico, carrying 59 head of cattle, and also a few passengers.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Fred La Bega, brother of our esteemed townsman Mr. P. L. La Bega, who arrived here on a visit by the Parima last night. Mr. La Bega resides at Phillipburg, St. Martin, D. W. I.

## TELEGRAMS.

### ST. CROIX STATION.

Malta, June 10th. - The official announcement regarding the relief of the seventh destroyer Flotilla, at present in the Mediterranean, by the third Flotilla of the Atlantic fleet, which comprises the latest built British destroyers, is interpreted here as the first step towards putting into effect the proposed redistribution of the fleets, whereby the Mediterranean fleet will again become Great Britain's main fleet in commission. It is believed here that the next step will be the sending out of battleships of the Royal Sovereign class to reinforce the present battle squadron, but this is not likely to take place before October. Other ships mentioned as destined for the Mediterranean from the Atlantic fleet, besides the second light cruiser squadron, are the newly built Eagle which is the largest aircraft carrier, also the Argus. Little doubt is entertained here that the destroyer strength in the middle sea is likewise to be considerably increased. Other steps contemplated are believed to be the relief of the 8th flotilla, by a more modern one and the sending out of an additional flotilla, making altogether two flotillas in the Mediterranean.

London, June 10th. - No event since the Greek convulsion of last October has raised such apprehension in the minds of the foreign statesmen regarding