

source from which he can get information.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*): I say we can get valuable information from the plan, but I do not know whether we as legislators are qualified to go into details on technical matters.

The Vice-Chairman: Personally, are you satisfied?

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*): Yes, I am.

To be continued.

LOCAL

We have been asked to mention that concerts will be given by the Native Brass Band tomorrow afternoon and the Industrial Band in the evening.

The Experiment Station has just received from the States a thoroughbred bull calf with the view to eventually improving the breed of cattle. The animal is understood to be a fine specimen and big for his age. West End News refers to him as giving "plenty of milk and excellent meat." As soon as we can spare the time we shall endeavor to get a glimpse at him when being milked.

Two hydroplanes arrived here yesterday afternoon and left again at 7 o'clock this morning.

The Industrial Band played in the bandstand last night.

The two guns are now on board the lighter leaving only the parts, etc. to be taken in. It is understood that the work will be completed and that the ships will sail on Wednesday next week.

The s. s. "Catherine" is due on schedule time, having 36 tons of cargo for this island.

Correspondence

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I.
January 25, 1924.

The Editor, St. Croix Avis.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

In today's Tribune it is proposed to name the public cistern after ex-Governor Hough. As far as investigation shows Dr. D. C. Canegata, elected member of the Colonial Council for Christiansted town, was the proponent and originator of the scheme to provide a water supply for this town. It is customary and very American to use in these instances the name of the financier as in the case of public donations by Carnegie, Rockefeller and Morgan. The name I am about to propose may be somewhat unusual especially in these islands where we hear so much of "navy appropriations," but if we are desirous of giving

this child its rightful name, then call it AMERICAN TAXPAYER.

Yours truly

H. BERG.

(Elected Member, Country Dist.

Landslide in St. Kitts

St. Kitts, Jan. 24th.—A landslide apparently of considerable dimensions took place at Mount Misery yesterday. The inhabitants at Sandy Point were alarmed by rumbling noises at 11.30 and again at 12 o'clock and some time later in the day when the mountain was clear it could be seen from the public road that there had been a landslide at Mount Misery, apparently the southern face of the peak breaking away into the crater.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Jan. 23rd.—The Cabinet appointments of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that attract most attention are those of Viscount Chelmsford as First Lord of the Admiralty and Mr. John Wheatley as Minister of Health. The naming of Lord Chelmsford comes as a complete surprise, one Conservative newspaper calls it a "great shock," for nobody has guessed that he had any affiliations with Labour and the date of his conversion is quite unknown. The Viscount is prominent as a former Viceroy of India who introduced there certain administrative reforms which displeased the Conservatives at home. He also has been Governor of Queensland, New South Wales, and has taken a conspicuous part in educational work. Mr. Wheatley's inclusion in the Ministry is generally regarded as a "sop" to the Glasgow extremists, to which group he belongs. Born in humble circumstances, Mr. Wheatley worked 22 years in the coal mines. He is now a publisher in Glasgow and considered the most intellectual of the Clyde-side Socialists. As Minister of Health he will be responsible for the burning question of rents and housing, concerning which the Glasgow continent has been much disturbed. His appointment was recommended yesterday by his fellow M.Ps. from his home city. Parliamentary seats must be found for three of the new Ministers who are not members of the Commons, namely, Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, Sir Sydney Olivier, Secretary of State for India and Brig. General Christopher Thompson, Air Minister. However it is expected that the new Head of India Office will be made a Peer and thus become one of the Government representatives in the House of Lords. There is also a possibility that General Thompson will receive a Peerage. Whether all the Ministers whose appointments were announced will belong to the Cabinet is as

yet unknown, for although some offices always carry cabinet rank, others are at the discretion of the Premier. It is understood, however, that the new Premier contemplates a large cabinet, intending to delegate a great deal of the work to Committees of Ministers. Despite the fact that the seals of office were not exchanged yesterday between the outgoing and incoming Ministers, the Daily Express says Arthur Henderson has already taken over his duties as Home Secretary and is devoting himself to the railway strike crisis. It is understood that Mr. MacDonald will hold his first cabinet meeting this afternoon.

Omagh, Ireland Jan. 23rd.—The year 1923 was the wettest in a century, according to records kept at Lenel, the residence of Col. J. B. Buchanan. It is estimated that more than 56,000 tons of water, 56.11 inches, fell on each square acre. The number of rainy days in the year was 271. Castletown shed records shows that the precipitation thereabouts was 8.9 inches above that of 1922 and 10.1 inches higher than the average for the preceding ten years.

Lyons France, Jan. 23rd.—An automobile propelled by gas, generated from the combustion of charcoal, was given what was pronounced as a successful test here yesterday in the presence of a large number of government officials and technical experts. The machine traveled 60 miles on 33 pounds of charcoal, costing 25 cents, or less than one-fourth the cost of gasoline. The charcoal gas is generated in a compartment built into the rear of the body of the car. The process is that of an Alsatian engineer.

New York, Jan. 23rd.—Raw sugar advanced 1 cent today on sales of 10,000 bags of Cuba's, for first half February shipment, at 6.63 duty paid. No other business was reported. Active Cuban and European buying, prompted by the firmness of the spot market, the price ruling abroad and a more active inquiry for refined sugar, accounted for a sharp advance in the raw sugar futures market. Final prices were at about the best of the day and from five to 16 points above the previous close. Although a better inquiry was reported for refined sugar, prices remained unchanged at 8.25 to 8.60 for fine granulated. Refined futures were nominal.

Liverpool, Jan. 23rd.—The railway strike has created a serious coal shortage here, both for ship bunkering and industrial and domestic purposes. Unless increased coal supplies are available by the end of the week there is danger of a partial holding up of shipping.

Washington, Jan. 23rd.—Orders for the removal of all mines and obstructions from the port of Frontera, Puer o Mexico and Vera Cruz, were issued today by the revolutionary authorities at Vera Cruz. The State Department was advised by Consul Wood at Vera Cruz.