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EDITORIAL.

Apropos the price of cattle, which subject was referred to the other day in commenting on certain prices needing adjustment when the Food Commission sets to work again, it may be interesting to note the following figures ascertained through the monthly report of the New York, N. Y., Bank of Commerce:

Wholesale price of cattle; fair to choice native steers, in Chicago per 100 lbs: 1920 June \$15.90; August \$14.85; Sept. \$15.50; Oct. \$14.70; Nov. \$11.25; Dec. \$9.50.

When the quality of the cattle is taken into consideration it appears simply farcical to state the fact that here in St. Croix the price is now \$11.00 per 100 lbs, for what one is asked to believe is beef.

St. Thomas News.

NAVAL BAND SERENADES EL-PHEGE SEBASTIEN

On New Year's morning, the Navy Band, under the leadership of its young and popular conductor, serenaded for half an hour Mr. Elphege Sebastien.

This is as it should be; for Mr. Sebastien was the moving spirit, if not the promoter of the band. Ever zealous and eager to assist aspiring youth, Mr. Sebastien with his wonted charac-

teristic, threw himself heart and mind into the project of raising a native band. Doubtless, his association with the various musical societies of the island from a very youthful age in years gone by was the incentive that prompted him. Howbeit, it remains a credit to himself and his island home, to know that through the whole hearted and ever-ready support rendered his proteges, the island today boasts one of the best naval bands, not only in the Caribbean, but the world at large.

Such an act of gratitude evinced towards an old friend is highly commendable on the part of the "boys" and their leader; and we sincerely trust as years roll on, that the spirit that prompts such grateful action will expand; and that the friendship and esteem evinced by them for Mr. Sebastien, will ripen into nobler traits of character.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Jan. 3rd.*

OLD YEAR NIGHT PASSES WITHOUT DISORDER

The Old Year passed quietly away. Though the streets were filled with large crowds of merry-makers, here was, nevertheless, no disorder whatever.

To prevent against any unforeseen or untoward event, strong guards, naval, military and municipal, were out on patrol.

The principal feature of the evening was a concert by the Naval Band in Market Square, from 9 to 10 o'clock; after which the "boys" went on a "hike" thro' the town, much to the enjoyment of the townfolk. The social event of the evening was a dance at the Roof Garden of the American Soda Fountain, given by the Tennis Club, which was a very enjoyable affair, indeed.—*Ibid.*

DIRECTOR OF POLICE MORNINGSTAR LEAVES POLICE FORCE AND IS SUCCEEDED BY CAPT. NOLAN

The New Year sees a change in the Police Department, through the resignation of Mr. Morningstar, from the Police directorship. How much this is to be regretted, is better imagined than understood; as from the moment he assumed duty, Mr. Morningstar put his whole heart and mind into his work. Quiet, affable and unassuming, and ever ready to bear both sides of the case, he was nevertheless firm. Keen and active, it was due to his conception of "what should be" that the "shoe shine nuisance" was eliminated, and the public parks and their environments that for some time had been rendered unsafe and unsuitable for respectable folks, being infested by a parcel of young vagabonds and prostitutes, later rendered once more habitable. By his gentleness of disposition, as well as directness of purpose, he won the affection and esteem of all that came in contact with him. Much of the late improved conduct on the public

streets, was due to him. In his resignation, the law abiding and respectable element of the community misses a good hand. He returns to St. Croix in a day or two.

Mr. Morningstar is succeeded by Captain Michael J. Nolan [retired] who for 23 years saw service in the New York Police Department, who was likewise attached to the First Division of the U. S. Army, and was for the past two years in Germany. As his assistant, Mr. Michael O'Leary, Chief-Boatswain of the U. S. S. Vixen, has been appointed to act as District Chief.—*Ibid.*

Car No. 28 suffered severe damage Sunday afternoon when it became uncontrollable and came in collision with a huge rock around De Beltjen's Road. We understand that the machine, which is an Overland, was bought on the spot by the Labour Union for \$1,000.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Jan. 5th.*

Friends of the poor, especially those interested in the welfare of the St. Thomas Ladies' Association, will be glad to learn of its receipt during the Xmas holidays of several substantial monetary gifts from well-wishers, both at home and abroad, among them being one of \$50 from Dr. Neis, and one of \$21 from former Governor Helweg-Larsen.

We are glad, indeed, to chronicle these donations, especially the latter, as it gives tangible proof of the fact, that despite his absence of many years from the island, and the severance of connection with things islandic, Mr. Helweg-Larsen has still kindly feeling towards the people of this island, over whose destiny he once ruled as governor. It is not his first gift to our poor since his departure either.

On behalf of the Association, on behalf of the poor, whose welfare has prompted the gift, as well as on behalf of the community in whose welfare he seems yet to retain a lively interest, we desire to thank Mr. Helweg-Larsen, and to wish him long life, and a bright and happy New Year!—*Ibid.*

Friends of "The Little Home on the Hill" will be glad to know that it was one among the recipients that received a monetary gift from former Governor and Mrs. Helweg-Larsen.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes Jan. 6th.*

TELEGRAM.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Glasgow, Jan. 5th.—Viscount Grey declared in a public speech here last night, another European war must be avoided at all costs and that Europe therefore must be prevented from returning to the conditions antedating the great war. There should be no secret treaties, he said, although he admitted that he had