

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members have heard the remarks by the Government Secretary and the Chairman of the Municipal Committee. The matter is now open for discussion.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. If we appropriate such a large amount we should have an entire new line between both towns. If that will be done, I will vote in favor of the bill.

No one requesting the word further, it was put to the vote and unanimously carried that 1st Discussion be closed.

1st Discussion closed.

Member Blackwood would like to know if it is necessary to put the matter through to-day? Furthermore the Member said, —In regard to the question raised by Member Andersen, he was told by Mr. Berg, Manager of the Telephone, that it is the intention to put in new cables and make improvements on all the lines, and there is no doubt that the telephone system is going to be put in better working condition.

Government Secretary (Tilmons) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. In view of the point raised by Member Andersen, Government suggests that 2nd Discussion be left open until the next meeting of the Council.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. This telephone system has been very much criticised. Some say they can hear too much, and others too little. If the Council appropriates such a large amount of money we should get something good for it. After the hurricane, fifty thousand francs was appropriated and nothing is known as to how that amount was spent. I am glad that Government has agreed to let the matter rest until the next meeting of the Council.

Item 6.

Colonial Council Bill No. 48.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 48, Draft of Additional Money Bill, to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, introduced by 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood), Grants to Native and Industrial Brass Bands of Christiansted and Century Brass Band of Frederiksted.

The Bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 48.

2nd Council, 2nd Session, 1920—1921.

ADDITIONAL MONEY BILL

The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1921.

To Item XI. Miscellaneous Add.

6. In aid to Century Brass Band of Frederiksted Frs. 1,250.
7. In aid to Native Brass Band of Christiansted Frs. 1,250.
8. In aid to Industrial Brass Band of Christiansted . . . Frs. 500.

These grants are made on the

condition that each said Band render at least two public concerts each month.

A. J. BLACKWOOD,

4th Appointed Member.

September 21st 1920.

4 Appointed Member (Blackwood) introduced the Money Bill and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the Council.

To be continued.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

With regard to note redemption in gold by the bank, new issues have arisen which require further consideration. Therefore, pending further instructions from Washington the Government will not press the question of note redemption.

EDITORIAL.

In reference to what a correspondent writes elsewhere in this issue, we do not find any laws for protection of the brute creation in the new code of laws and presume that whatever regulations existed before are still operative. As a matter of fact very little attention appears to have been given to legislation in this respect at any time, the chief activities, and mighty inactive they have been, being society work which contemplated close investigation into the treatment of animals of all kinds with the object of bringing cases of cruelty, neglect etc. to the notice of the proper authority. The most these societies have done is hold meetings and award prizes to those having well-kept animals, taking no trouble to find out the poor, underfed, and overworked brutes that would do no credit to their owners' religion. Much can be written on the subject of cruelty to animals and the protection our dumb comrades of the animal kingdom deserve, or, at least are entitled to. We will return to this matter in the near future and treat the question at length.

Apropos our remarks on regard, or rather the lack of regard, for the dumb animals, it was our opportunity yesterday morning to overhear a woman regretting that she didn't have a bill in her hand when some dog or other entered her house (probably to steal). The poor canine would not have been enough for the vengeance she would have liked to wreak. She wound up by saying the next time the dog came within her domain she would have a pot of boiling water and give him that. This is but an example of the consideration held for animals in general by a majority here. And yet these same people will keep one or often two or three dogs, and half-starve them so they are forced to become a nuisance to others who like themselves are ever ready to demonstrate the survival of the primitive savage in them.

Law is not all of it in this case for people are not made virtuous or kind by law, but undoubtedly something is necessary to protect animals from improper treatment and to discourage the disposition to inflict cruelty upon them without occasion.

LOCAL.

The funeral of Mr. J. E. Whitehead yesterday afternoon was one of the largest gatherings of the kind seen here for many years. The long procession of men and women, representing all classes of the community and testifying to the esteem and popularity the deceased had won through a uniformly genial and very generous disposition during long and close business intercourse with the public, was very impressive, as was also the simple service at the Lutheran Church conducted by the Revd. Lindkey who escorted the remains to the cemetery. The casket which was of solid mahogany was draped in the Danish national colors.

The S. S. Parima from New York arrived at Frederiksted at 8.30 this morning.

The Creole is in sight and calculated to make port by 10 o'clock this morning.

Correspondence.

Frederiksted, St. Croix,
26th. October 1920.

Editor Saint Croix Avis.

Christiansted.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago the "Herald" decried Mr. Coulter's maintaining his seat in the Colonial Council through the fact that he is in the service of the Government and his official connections disqualify him as a representative of the people. We are now convinced that the "Herald" was correct in its position, and after reading the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, in which Mr. Coulter was unable to accept election in the Jury Commission because he is also the Sheriff, it is plain that the time has arrived when the honorable gentleman himself must feel that he should vacate his seat in favor of one less trammelled.

Yours respectfully

H. J.

October 25th 1920.

Dear Mr. Editor:-

Believing the subject to be of general interest? I take the liberty of intruding on your goodness by asking you to publish and answer the following: Not having had the opportunity of seeing the new code of laws, will you kindly inform whether or not the subject of "CRUELTY TO ANIMALS" has been considered?

Yours truly,

REX.