

District (*Fleming*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I would like to make it clear that I am in favour of good roads, either concrete or macadamized; we need good roads over which to transport our cane; and further we should not lose much time in deciding the type of road we should have.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The only objection I see in keeping 1st. discussion open is that some of us may gain a little knowledge. At 2nd Discussion we'll be confined to paragraph by paragraph on the bill, but at the same time I see nothing wrong in keeping 1st Discussion open. We do not wish to go into an expensive proposition like this. The tax-payers sent this protest in to me, I did not ask for it; they ask me to represent them in this Council and I see nothing out of the way in it. Even Senators and Congressmen are supposed to represent their constituents.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have no objection to the memorial read by Capt. Blackwood. My only objection is, it does not represent the tax-payers of this island.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I claim it does represent the tax-payers. It is said that we are not going to have any further tax if this road is built except automobile tax, that's a mistake. It is wrong to ask the tax-payers to build a road like this.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (*M. M. Skeoch*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I agree with the last speaker, but I would like to know who is responsible for the roads on the northside? I feel that I am not to be blamed if the roads on the northside are not in order, neither can the Chairman of the Road Commission be blamed.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town District (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. A motion has been made and no attention has been paid to it.

5th Appointed Member (*Lunney*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The roads are in better condition today than they have been for the past ten years. (The Member gave a brief account of the roads built and repaired and the amount of money spent on same) and continuing said. Many men from the neighboring islands have come here including the Bishop and expressed themselves that we have better roads than the neighboring islands, even St. Kitts. We have such road repair to do today that some of the land owners cannot afford to pay for the upkeep of their roads.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I think if the Chairman of the Road Commission is enforcing the repair work on the center line more than on any other road, then it is on account of the fact that the center line is the

most important road on the island.

It was then put to the vote and carried that 1st Discussion be closed and the bill be furthered.

1st Discussion closed.

The Chairman then brought up item 3. Item 3.

Colonial Council Bill No. 58.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 58, Additional Money Bill, introduced by 3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Robt. W. Skeoch*). Frs. 6,000.00 for acquiring pictures and chandeliers to be hung in the Council Hall.

The bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 52.

2nd Council, 2nd Session, 1920-1921.

ADDITIONAL MONEY BILL

to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921.

1. THE COLONIAL COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

Sub Item II. add

Maintenance..... Frs. 6,000.00.

REMARKS.

This sum is proposed for the purpose of acquiring pictures of noted American Citizens to be hung in the Council Hall with the object of familiarizing our citizens with the men who made American History; and also for purchasing chandeliers to be hung in the Council Hall.

ROBT. W. SKEOCH,

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District.

St. Croix, March 24th 1921.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Robt. W. Skeoch*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Since the proposal of this bill I have received information that the Governor does not want this money bill to be forwarded, as he prefers to pay the same out of Federal appropriation. I wish to withdraw the bill.

The Money Bill was withdrawn.

The Chairman then gave a recess of 20 minutes.

After recess the Council reassembled and the Chairman brought up item 2.

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 57.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 57, draft of an ordinance introduced by Government providing for the appointment of a Judge for the District Courts of the Virgin Islands.

Despatching Secretary (*Fox*) in introducing the bill said. Mr. Chairman. I understand that this proposed ordinance was acted upon by the President of the United States on his own initiative. He

apparently deems it wise that the Virgin Islands have one Judge, and that Judge have jurisdiction over St. Croix, St. Jan and St. Thomas. He seems to think that it would be more than adequate to have two judges for such a comparatively small population as comprises that of the Virgin Islands, that but little of their time would be occupied. This may be considered as the reason why the President apparently desires but one judge. Also there is a money saving which can be considered.

(To be continued.)

The Creole sailed for St. Thomas last night. Up to time of going to press this morning no information was available concerning the mails from Porto Rico.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ottawa, April 12th.—The House of Commons sat all night and was still sitting at eight o'clock in the morning. On the one side the Minister of Marine, Mr. Ballantyne, supported by a number of Govt. Members, fought to put through an item of \$8,330,000 for completion of the Govt. Ship-building programme. On the other side the opposition and progressives resisted any attempted to force the item through. Charges and counter-charges were hurled across the floor. The Govt. insisted that the opposition was blocking and wasting time. The opposition declared that the Govt. was trying to "Bulldoze" them into passing estimates and was not giving information required. From the opposition benches came charges that the Govt. was pursuing a wasteful, reckless policy. "I would be willing to stay here a week in order to prevent this vote from passing", declared Mr. Cathill of Pontiac.

London, April 12th.—The Times this morning says it learns that a number of women belonging to the salvation army are in prison in Petrograd and Moscow and that they are suffering great hardships. All access to them has been refused, and there is no indication that there is any charge against them.

London, April 12th.—Sugar in stock on the 9th inst., was 150,000 tons last year 71,000 tons.

San Juan, P. R. April 12th.—Today's "Times" carries the announcement that there have been no positive cases of Plague for seventeen days.

London, April 12th.—Sir Alfred Tristram Lawrence, Judge of the High Court of Justice since 1904, has been appointed Lord Chief Justice in succession of the Earl of Reading who is now Viceroy of India.

Ottawa, April 12th.—The House adjourned at midnight, after notice of closure on the shipbuilding vote, and interim supply bill.