

find out what other expenses are necessary and let us know and we can make provisions. A road roller is not an experiment; there are twenty-seven road rollers in Porto Rico, and since their introduction there the cost of road maintenance has decreased somewhat around two hundred or two hundred and fifty percent. We are having dry weather now, and sufficient of it to discourage any one who tills the land, so it seems to me that this question about maintenance is out of place. I claim that maintenance can be considered afterwards. As far as reconstruction goes, that should be at public expense. That's the position as I see it.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. As a member of the Committee which is responsible for this bill I wish to say that it seems to me as if the majority of the Committee and the Government is in accord. The Committee proposes to get the roller, scarifier and stone crusher on this year's budget and maintenance on next year's budget. That's the reason why the Money Bill is introduced in its present form. I propose that discussion be suspended on this matter until after recess so as to give Members of the Committee a chance to discuss the matter with Government.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): Mr. Chairman. I have already proposed that 1st Discussion be closed.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): My motion is an amendment to yours so it must be put first.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) would like to know which of the two motions the House must vote on first.

The Chairman answered: The second motion being an amendment to the first that will be put to the vote first.

The Chairman put the motion made by 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) that the matter be postponed until after recess to the vote.

8 members voted for; 4 against.

The Chairman: The motion is carried.

The Chairman remarked: The Labor Investigation Commission Report has been printed and circulated. There are extra copies on hand in the Council Office; if members desire to have any extra copies same may be had by applying to the Assistant of the Council.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Andersen) proposed that a copy of the Report be sent to Judge Towner in the United States.

The Chairman answered the Member and said,—That will be attended to.

The Chairman then gave a recess of 20 minutes.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL.

Attention of readers is invited to the

notes appearing under the space allotted to "Postal Improvement Week". There will be something new each day, and it is believed that these notes will contain something of interest to all concerned.

A big audience greeted the Dragon's Net at the theatre last night.

Tonight an attractive programme will be screened at St. Mary's Hall, show beginning at 8.15; see programme in this issue.

As per advertisement in this issue the Danish Club and Reading Society will exhibit the Greenland film (a series of views in the King of Denmark's visit to Greenland) in the Christiansted Theatre tomorrow night and at the West End Movies on Tuesday night the 9th., at both places at 8.15 sharp. Members with friends and acquaintances have free admission.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, April 26th.—At a luncheon given by the Pennsylvania Society yesterday at the Hotel Plaza, in honour of Field Marshal Joffre, attended by four hundred persons, Mr. Beck, Solicitor General of the United States and Mr. Schwab, President of the Society, eulogized the guest of honour. In the course of his speech Mr. Beck said that in dealing with her problems of reconstruction France was not only badly understood, but unappreciated, but that he had confidence in her clearness of vision in handling the crisis which might arise. He referred to the anti-French propaganda and concluded with an appeal to respect the difficulties by which France is confronted and to be thankful to her for her immense sacrifices. After the repast, the Field Marshal

POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK.

May 1 to 6

"Service is the supreme commitment of life. I would rejoice to proclaim the era of the golden rule and crown it with the autocracy of service."—PRESIDENT HARDING.

In designating the week beginning May 1 as Postal Improvement Week, Postmaster General Work aims at stimulating all employees of the department throughout the country to greater interest and greater enterprise in order to perfect the Postal service of the country by enlisting the assistance of the public to the end that there may be better cooperation between the patrons of the offices and the personnel of the system, for, in last analysis, the real postal system of the country includes those who prepare mail for transmission as well as those who are employed in the postal system proper. visited the American Academy of fine

arts and in the evening assisted at a dinner given by the Mayor, at which many notable persons were present.

London, April 25th.—Both sides to the shipyard workers dispute, which involves about three hundred thousand men, now on strike, have agreed to terms for a settlement of the controversy. Under the agreement there will be a cut immediately of ten shillings weekly in the wages of the men, and a six shillings cut, which the employers ordered, will be split into two instalments, taking effect respectively in May and June.

Cambridge, Mass., April 25th.—The Oxford and Cambridge Lacrosse team today meted out a five to two defeat to the Harvard team. The play of Wansborough who scored two goals for the invaders and, the work of his teammates, Neylan, Pearson, and Clark, were the features of the game.

London, April 26th.—According to a despatch from Genoa, a note from the Allies will be presented to the Russian delegation tomorrow, and practically will be an ultimatum demanding unequivocal replies on four principal points. The first of these is the payment of Russia's war debts, either in their entirety, or with some reduction, based on her capacity to pay. Secondly the payment of her pre war debts, with the granting of a necessary and reasonable moratorium. Third, an indemnity for all damages caused to foreigners and fourthly, the restitution of confiscated property to the former owners. The other points will be drawn up after consultation by the Allies today and an endeavour will be made to force Russia to present a reply at the earliest date, in order that the conference may be brought to a close before May tenth.

Belfast, April 26th.—An attack on a lorry laden with soldiers of the Free State forces was made yesterday by Republicans at Mullingar. A number of shots were exchanged and several of the Free Staters were arrested.

Paris, April 27th.—M. Poincare this morning submitted to the members of his cabinet Mr. Lloyd George's proposal relative to a meeting of the Supreme Council at Genoa, but its discussion was deferred, pending the receipt of certain information awaited from M. Barthou. Another meeting of the Cabinet has been fixed for this afternoon, but in official circles it is not believed there will be an early meeting of the Supreme Council at Genoa. It is however known that M. Poincare has pointed out that the question of the penalties to be applied to Germany would only arise, for submission to the Allies, when the Reparations commission has concluded its negotiations with Germany and if the latter should then be in default, and of which the commission would then inform the powers interested. Until then, M. Poincare observed, the question will not be submitted to the Supreme Council.