

NOTICE.

THE owners of animals found trespassing on the old Hospital-ground (Divi-Divi-Hill) will be dealt with according to law.

Richmond Penitentiary, St. Croix, July 14th. 1920.

C. ESPERSEN.
District Chief of Police
(in charge.)

FOR SALE.

THE Property No. 1 & 2 Hospital Street, for particulars apply to
A. STEELE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I fully agree with the words of the last speaker; he took the word away from me because I was going to propose that Protestant Cay be used for two years at a time. I think myself that there is great need for an institution of that kind; and as the reef will not be blown for sometime to come I recommend that the Cay be used for that purpose.

3rd Appointed Member (Armstrong) entered the meeting.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I understand that the sorefoot hospital at Richmond is closed, why cannot that be used?

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) answered: The sorefoot hospital at Richmond is now being used for prison purposes.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The remarks made by 2nd Member for Christiansted Town cover the ground, and I don't think there is much left for me to say, except that the community of this town is against the Cay being used for such a purpose. The public has the wharf to sit on during the afternoons to get fresh air; there are no parks in this town for one to go to, and when mothers and fathers and children meet on the wharf, and the question is asked what is on the Cay, you may camouflage it as you wish, and call it a training school, but it will not be long before the children will get to know more and more about it, and their morals will not be improved by such experience. If the wharf is a place for people

to sit, it should not be defaced by putting such an institution here.

We are pleased that Government has brought up this question for the Council to give its opinion upon it; that shows that the Government is inclined to respect the opinion of the Council and the public. There was a time when the opinion of the public did not worth much, but today it is not so. We are thankful to the Red Cross for trying to improve the morals of the people, but unfortunately the site selected is not one that is acceptable to the inhabitants of Christiansted for more than one reason. As it is for such a short time the institution will be put on the Cay, why not hire a place and use it, temporarily? For instance, Mr. Pen heny might be willing to rent the school-house which he bought from the Government recently; that would be a more suitable place, as the children will be able to use their hands there, and that will help to keep them straight. There is another place—There is a vacant house at Shoys, why not use that? In my opinion, I believe that a committee should be appointed to look into this matter, and make such recommendations as they might deem proper.

With regard to the remarks accompanying the Ordinance, we have no doubt that the institution will be removed when the Cay is needed, and we believe that the Governor means what he says, but can any one guarantee that within a year or two we might not have a change of Governor; and who can guarantee that the future Governor will keep to a promise made by the present Governor? While we feel safe in the present Governor, we cannot feel equally safe in the future Governor. I cannot see why a member should be so warm in recommending the Cay. If I was a member of Frederiksted Town or District I would feel myself not competent to speak on this matter, but it is quite the opposite on the other side. It would be very disagreeable to see the Cay used for a purpose unless a good park could be made where people could go in the afternoon to get fresh air.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I only wish to make a short remark. I have been looking at this matter from a business point of view, but I have listened carefully to what has been said by the last speaker in regard to other places that could be used; if that has not been looked into, then I agree that a committee be appointed to look into the matter.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. In regard to remarks made by the Honorable 1st Member for Christiansted Country District as to why I am so warm in recommending the Cay, I will answer. The first reason is, something should be done for the children; and the second reason is, the Red Cross is like a man who owes you money

and if you do not accept what they are offering you when it is offered you may not get it again.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The last speaker has said that the Red Cross is offering fifty thousand dollars towards the upkeep of the institution, the minutes of the Municipal Committee does not show that.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) answered: Mr. Moran said in the Municipal Committee meeting that he could not speak with authority.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. When I carried passengers to this island I was asked which port I liked best, whether Frederiksted or Christiansted, I said I liked King's Hill best. I would argue as strongly for Christiansted as I would argue for Frederiksted. I cannot see how the institution, if placed on the Cay, would destroy the beauty of this town. The Governor of these islands is trying to help us, and are we going to stand here and block every measure that would tend to improve this island? Any other Governor who may come might not want to live up to any promise this Governor makes, but if we have something on record he is bound to respect it. If the institution is put on the Cay, they are not going to put any loose characters there, and the children who go there will improve morally. I cannot see where the arguments adduced against this project is sound.

At the last meeting Member Stake-mann said if we can get money we should take all we could get; I think then it is wise to accept the money which is now being offered to us by the Red Cross.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. All the years I have been living in New York I lived near an institution of the same kind built on the river front, and during that time I never saw any one going in or coming out of that institution.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. As 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) says, an amendment can be brought in where the Cay can be used for a definite time, and the amendment can be so fixed that if we have a change of Governor the arrangement would be respected. If the reef in the harbor is to be blown, it will not be done in the space of a year. The community of Christiansted do not like the proposition, but I do not see that it would do any harm if the institution is placed on the Cay for a period of one year.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) proposed that a committee be appointed to investigate and report on this matter.

The Chairman: Do I understand that the Honorable Member makes a definite proposal?