

According to the 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) the Committee recommends a tax of one percent on real property and eliminating personal property instead of the Government's recommendation; a tax of one percent on real property and the same on personal would bring \$3,000 more than the present system, I would like to see an analysis. I wish to draw attention to the fact that a valuation of Frs. 250 is placed on cane land, Frs. 125 on pasture land and Frs. 50 on bush land. The principle of personal property cannot be deviated from by the Government of the Virgin Islands. Personal property receives the same protection as real property and on that statement rests the decision, not only of the present administration, but the past administration also. The one percent tax placed on personal property is a fair equalization of taxation.

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As far as we can understand, the following gentlemen have been nominated for membership in the Colonial Council: Dr. D. C. Canegata for Christiansted Town; Messrs. H. Berg, O. C. Granady, and H. Jessen for Christiansted Country District; Messrs. F. Coulter, A. M. Golden, and D. H. Jackson for Frederiksted Town. Dr. Canegata is unopposed and his election will be the first in which a member has been unopposed on two consecutive occasions.

At St. Mary's Hall last evening was screened the 7 reel drama Hearts of The Hills which turned out interesting; the attendance was fairly good.

The U. S. S. Grebe arrived here at 1 p. m. yesterday from St. Thomas bringing mails and passengers. She returned in the afternoon, taking a party of marines. Mr. and Mrs. Lentz and infant and Dr. F. L. Mc Daniel and family.

The Factory Sugar Price
was fixed on Monday at 5½ lbs. sugar to 100 lbs. canes 39.11 cents per 100 lbs. and 6 lbs. sugar to 100 lbs. canes 42.67 cents per 100 lbs.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, May 4th.—The raw sugar market was unsettled again today by the sharp break in futures and operators were offering Cubas at 5½ cents, cost and freight, equal to 7.28 for centrifugal, but no sales were reported. There was another decline in raw sugar futures at the opening, with active positions showing declines of 30 to 33 points under an accumulation of overnight selling orders, as a result of yesterday's sharp decline, and continued poor consuming demand.

There was covering at the lower prices, however, and rallies of 8 to 10 points followed, though the tone of the market was unsettled. The market for refined was easy and unchanged, to 23 points lower, with fine granulated ranging from 9.50 to 10 15 and business still light.

Moscow, May 5th.—11 members of the Moscow housing commission have been executed by shooting, according to an official announcement made yesterday. The men were convicted of bribery and corruption on April 14th and were put to death by a firing squad on Wednesday night, the executive committee of the Soviet having refused to accord clemency.

Ottawa, May 5th.—The House of Commons today passed a bill which will practically limit Chinese immigration to merchants and students. Mr. Stewart, acting minister, intimated that a Canadian official would be stationed in China and anyone seeking admission to Canada would be required to convince that official of his bona fides as a merchant in the import or export trade with China. Peddlers, trucksters, laundrymen and so forth would not be admitted.

Lausanne, May 4th.—The Near East peace conference has again reached a deadlock over the question of protection of foreigners in Turkey. Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, has refused even to discuss the amended text of the provision in this connection, proposed by the Allies to replace the text which was accepted by Ismet Pasha after the adjournment of the first session of the conference in February. The Allies do not consider themselves bound by the text framed in February because it was accepted after the Turks had refused to sign the treaty. The Allies insisted in today's discussion that arrests, seizures and domiciliary searches affecting foreigners be carried out only when consented to previously by the foreign advisers. Ismet insisted that there should be no revision of the compromise text agreed upon in February which provided that the advisers could be notified after the arrests were made. Ismet refused to discuss any except this compromise text, insisting that if the Allies repudiated the accord reached in the closing hours of the previous conference and if it were again found that a peace agreement was impossible, the World would know that the rupture had been caused by the uncompromising attitude of the Allies. The delegates left the conference pessimistic over the deadlock, as the question is regarded as one of the most important before the conference.

Paris, May 4th.—The Foreign Office has prepared a note for transmission to Washington, reflecting the sentiment of French steamship operators against the United States ruling making illegal the transportation of liquor in the territorial waters of the United States. The note, it is reported, expresses surprise at the interpretation as made by the

United States Supreme Court and indicates that if all the nations applied their local laws to foreign vessels ocean navigation would soon cease. An International conference of steamship operators is forecast as a means of reaching a settlement of the question.

Paris, May 5th.—The French athletic federation today after a final discussion has decided to prohibit the holding of the remainder of the International University championship games, if Charles Paddock, the United States sprinter continues to compete in them. It was announced by the federation, however, that it would permit Paddock to give exhibitions. On being informed of the decision of the federation the organizers of the championship games which are in progress at the Port D'Ore Stadium, declared that Paddock would run as had been arranged, notwithstanding the federation's decision. Paddock competed today and won the semi-finals in the 100 metre dash, his time being 10 3/5 seconds. Then again running against time, with nobody to urge him to gather speed by competition, he broke the World's record for the 75 metre dash. His time was 24 seconds or four fifths of a second, better than the previous record held by Sweden.

London, May 5th.—Sir William Robertson Nicoll, Scottish Non-conformist divine and founder of the British weekly a Non-conformist organ, died last night at Hempstead. He only resigned active editorship of the weekly last week, having served in that capacity since its first issue in 1886. He had been in indifferent health for some time.

Ottawa, May 4th.—"I think it is for the British Government to determine its own policy and for us to express no opinion concerning it," said Mr. King, the Premier, in the House of Commons this afternoon in answer to a question by Mr. Woodsworth, labour member for Winnipeg centre, regarding the vote of the British Parliament for a naval base at Singapore. Mr. Woodsworth asked whether in view of the vote of \$50,000,000 dollars by the House of Commons at Westminster for a naval base at Singapore and the comments in the Imperial Parliament that this signified strained or possibly strained relations between Great Britain and Japan, the Dominion Government had acquiesced in the policy of the Imperial Government.

New York, May 7th.

Flour, (Blended Clear, S. Lawrence Brand) duty paid per cbl. \$5.10
Meal, Kildried per 100 pounds \$2.15.
New Season's Pork per barrel \$37.00.
Heavy Mess Pork per bri. \$27.
Sugar—Crys als maximum per 100 lbs. \$8 03 nominal.

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Cotton, Middling, Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 14 79 100
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$4.59½