

LOCAL

The s. s. Bolivar from New York via St. Thomas arrived here yesterday at 4 00 p. m. somewhat earlier than she was being looked for. She brought only a few letters and after discharging cargo sailed for St. Kitts early today.

The s. s. Parima is now looked for tomorrow (Sunday) at 6 a. m. on the way to New York. There are some 80 passengers from these islands it is understood.

The s. s. "Catherine" is due on schedule time, having 6 tons of cargo for this island.

The Industrial Brass Band gave a fine concert in the bandstand last night.

PERSONAL

Among the passengers embarking for the States by S/S "Parima" tomorrow, are Mr. B. R. Larsen and son. The young chap will be left by his father for the purpose of attending school, and being a bright boy we are certain that he will turn out the specimen his father would like him to be. We wish him success.

It is understood that the Postmaster has leave of absence until sometime in September; he is well deserving of this vacation and we hope that the trip to the land of "life" and "bareskin beauties", will do him much good for he has had very little or no pleasures for the past years that he has been discharging Postal duties; for the sake of facilitating the general public he made himself a perfect slave to his duties.

We wish both himself and son bon voyage and await his return for a clean report of existing conditions in the Mother Country.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I beg to make a few more remarks. I would like to know where we would stand if a few persons who want to get rid of the Naval Government first, the Marines next and then the Police, succeed in doing so? I would like to know also where we would get protection for our lives and property? I am in full sympathy with the idea of maintaining an efficient police force on this island.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) Mr. Chairman. The Honorable Member need not be afraid the Naval

Government is going, it will go some day.

1st Appointed Member (Coulter) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to make a few remarks by way of explanation but I stand in a rather peculiar position. First of all I wish to express my thanks to the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town for having made the proposal that instead of taking away add on one sergeant, because it would place me in a very unpleasant position to have to go and discharge a sergeant tonight. If the one sergeant which it is proposed to discharge is retained the Force will be able to function efficient with the compliment of men there are at present. As to how many policemen we should have for this island, that's a matter of opinion. If five policemen are sufficient for this island I as a tax-payer would be glad to see it. But when the Director of Police says he cannot run the Force with less than fifteen men and the Council says he must run it with ten, then he must be a very funny man if he didn't say get your own man to run it with ten men. In 1921 I took over the position of Director of Police; the total of the budget estimates then was Fres. 209,877, in 1922 Fres. 180,982.60, and in 1923 I made a further reduction. When I was asked to submit estimates for 1924-1925 I wrote the Government saying I didn't see where a further reduction could be made; I couldn't reduce salaries because they are fixed by law. Government called for a reduction of 10% in the estimates submitted for the next fiscal year, which, when made, brought the total amount to Fres. 165,097.60. The Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town made a remark about tools, clubs and badges; tools get broken sometimes, and of course, have to be laid aside; and some day I suppose Government will call for a survey and all will be found packed up in a small room at the jail at Richmond. I am sorry to say that badges get lost at times and in cleaning they get broken. Under Equipment are to be found tools, clubs, badges and all these paraphernalia.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I want to say that the Honorable 1st Appointed Member is not under criticism at all. I am speaking of what, in my opinion, is a necessity, and that is a reduction. I will certainly vote for the amendment to retain the sergeant so that he might not be discharged tonight.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata]: Mr. Chairman. I want to understand if a member brings in an amendment whether he will have to find a way to place the amount commensurate with the amount called for in his amendment on the revenue side of the budget.

Government Secretary [Zane]: Mr. Chairman. In response to that I would say that it might as well be left until

we find out what the total increase might be.

There was no further discussion. The Police & Prison Department was tacitly adopted.

HARBOR & PILOT DEPARTMENT: No remarks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, Christiansted & Frederiksted.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Fire Major spoke to me and I think to Government representative about chemicals for fire engines for Christiansted. I do not know whether an amendment will be introduced to that effect.

The Chairman: Yes, an amendment will be introduced.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): Mr. Chairman. The condition of the Fire Department is a lamentable one, I hope steps will be taken to remedy the situation.

1st Appointed Member (Coulter): Mr. Chairman. I wish to draw attention to the fact that the same item has to be included in the amendment for the Fire Department in Frederiksted.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata]: Mr. Chairman. It is not necessary to have the same amount for Christiansted as Frederiksted because we have the Marines here who are having a fire engine.

The speaker handed in an amendment which reads as follows:

AMENDMENT

to draft of Budget 1924-25

Add Item VI. Fire Department
sub No. 15 Fire Department Christiansted

Maintenance add new item
Chemicals for fire Engines Fres 100.00
and to Fire Department Frederiksted
Sub No. 18 Maintenance
add new item

Chemicals for fire engines; Fres. 200.00.

D. C. CANEGATA,
2nd Member for Christiansted Town and Saburbs.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence

Dear Mr. Editor,

I read an article a few days in the "Herald" protesting against Mr. George Washington Williams being promoted to the position now vacant as District Judge for the Islands, written by Casper Holstein and his clique. It strikes me very much that Holstein would like to be either Governor or District Judge of the Islands. Holstein and his clique are always interfering with conditions of the islands that they know absolutely nothing about.

The persons that keep Holstein posted only gives him the one side of the story and not their doings that cause defence for their grievances.