

NOTICE.

DELIVERY of coal and lime from Richmond Penitentiary is temporary suspended.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

ON Monday, October 18, 1920, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held its 3rd Ordinary meeting for the elective period in the Council Hall at Christiansted.

The following members were present: The Vice-Chairman (Coulter,) A. J. Blackwood, F. Lunney, W. S. Abramson, D. C. Canegata, F. Andersen, D. S. Armstrong, K. Henderson and G. Nordby.

Members Merwin, Noll, R. W. Skeoch and Stakemann absent from the island; furthermore were absent: W. L. Pen-theny, M. M. Skeoch, W. H. MacKay, Thos. Ramsay, and G. B. Fleming.

His Excellency the Governor, Admiral Oman, Government Secretary (Timmons) and Despatching Secretary (C. W. Fox) attended the meeting.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining a quorum, the meeting was not convened until 4 p. m.

After prayers had been said, the Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members: The minutes for the last meeting have been duly published in the "St. Croix Avis" as customary and unless any member take objection I will consider same tacitly adopted.

There being no objection, the Vice-Chairman declared the minutes, as published, tacitly adopted.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I have received no communications from absent members.

The Vice-Chairman further remarked: I am sure that Members will join with me in expressing regret to His Excellency the Governor for the delay caused by the difficulties we have had in obtaining a quorum.

The Secretary Canegata then read the following communications received since the last meeting of the Council.

1. Letter from Queen Louise Home for sick and neglected babies as follows:

September 3 1920.

Mr. F. Coulter, Vice-Chairman,
Colonial Council for St. Croix,
Frederiksted,

Dear Sir:—

The anniversary of the re-opening of the Christiansted Queen Louise Home takes place Wednesday September 8, 1920.

The hours for inspection will be from 2 to 5 P. M. Wednesday.

An hour for praise and prayer with address will be from 5 to 6 P. M.

With hearty appreciation of the interest the Colonial Council has taken in the work of the Queen Louise Homes, the Directing Sister cordially invites you, and through you the members of the Colonial Council to this anniversary and to an individual inspection of the workings of the Home.

A five minute talk by you or by some member of the Colonial Council will be highly appreciated.

Respectfully yours

CARRIE S. GICK,
Directing Sister.

2. Letter from 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) to Vice-Chairman of the Colonial Council of September 21st, a. c., forwarding copies of Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year 1920-21. Grants to Native Brass Bands with the request that same to be placed on the Order of the Day.

3. Letter from Government of September 27, a. c., to Vice-Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Croix, requesting that two men be elected by the Council to serve on a Commission for the purpose of fixing the export values of cotton, rum and molasses.

4. Letter from Government of September 28, a. c., forwarding draft of a resolution providing for the sale of certain properties with the request that it be placed on the Order of the Day for the next meeting of the Council.

5. Letter from Government of October 5, a. c. transmitting copy of an Additional Money Bill, grant to the Telephone Fund, with the request that same be placed on the Order of the Day for the next meeting of the Council.

6. Letter from Government of October 11, a. c., to Vice-Chairman of the Colonial Council, requesting that the Council, at its next ordinary meeting, select one member from that body to act as Jury Commissioner.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: We will now take up the Order of the Day, and at the request of Government items 5 and 6 will be taken up before items 2 and 3.

Item 1.

Production of Copies of minutes of the Municipal Committee for the quarters ending June and September a. c.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: According to Par. 11 of the By-Law for the Municipal Committee the Chairman has forwarded copies of the minutes of the Committee for the last two quarters for inspection of Members of the Council. I will now lay copies of the minutes on the table and hereafter it will be in the Council Office from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., daily for one week for inspection.

Item 2.

Election of two men to serve with the Collector of Customs and his Deputies in fixing the export values of cotton, rum and molasses.

8 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected were: Robt. L. Merwin and F. Andersen with 8 votes respectively.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. We do not export molasses, but we export syrup and that is exported under the heading of molasses.

Government Secretary (Timmons) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The Government considers syrup in the same category as molasses.

Item 3.

Election of a Jury Commissioner pursuant to Title V, Chapter 12, Section 4 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to join the Jury Commission.

Member Lunney would like to know whether the Council is to elect one Jury Commissioner for the whole island.

The Vice-Chairman answered: Yes, for the whole island.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: As there is necessity for the Jury Commissioner to act right away it is necessary for Members to elect a member who is on the island.

6 voting tickets were handed in.

1st Appointed Member (Henderson) received 3 votes, 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter), 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) and 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) received one vote respectively.

As none had absolute majority vote, a new voting had to take place.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I wish to state that I am not eligible for election on the Jury Commission, as I would have to act as Sheriff of the Court.

The Vice-Chairman further remarked: Besides the fact that I am not eligible to act on the Jury Commission, I do not believe it is proper to elect Member Stakemann, for reasons that are obvious.

6 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected was: 1st Appointed Member, (Henderson) with 5 votes.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) received 1 vote.

To be continued.

EDITORIAL.

It is very gratifying to note that prices are slowly but surely going down. Some articles of dry goods are being offered at slightly reduced rates and groceries have taken a rapidly downward tendency. Sugar which has perhaps made a record among foodstuffs of excessive cost has decreased in price by more than 40% in some grades. At the present moment granulated sugar is being landed here at something like 15 cents a pound,