

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT NO. 2.**  
 Week Ending Aug. 24, 1923.  
 Municipality of St. Croix.

| School        | Class    | Percent of Pupils not tardy. | Percent of Attendance. |
|---------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Christiansted | Jr. High | 99.17                        | 100.00                 |
| Frederiksted  | Jr. High | 98.90                        | 100.00                 |
| La Vallee     | Rural    | 100.00                       | 100.00                 |
| Frederiksted  | Public   | 99.64                        | 99.87                  |
| Peter's Rest  | Rural    | 96.89                        | 99.37                  |
| Christiansted | Public   | 98.30                        | 98.96                  |
| Diamond       | Rural    | 100.00                       | 98.50                  |
| La Princesse  | Rural    | 100.00                       | 97.33                  |
| Friedensfeld  | Rural    | 97.63                        | 94.70                  |

**Colombia Steamship Co.**

**THE S. S. "BRIDGETOWN"**

sailed from New York on Friday evening, and is due here on or about the 31st inst., proceeding to Windward Islands.

ROBT. L. MERWIN & CO. INC.  
*Agents.*

**Quebec Steamship Co.**

**THE S. S. "PARIMA"**

The s. s. "Parima" will leave New York on the 30th inst., and is due at Frederiksted on or about the 7th prox., proceeding to Windward Islands.

ROBT. L. MERWIN & CO. INC.,  
*Agents.*

**PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF THE  
**COLONIAL COUNCIL**  
**FOR ST. CROIX.**

(Continued from Saturday's Avis.)

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Every member of the Council seems prepared to vote upon the ordinance today, but it seems as if it is the Government that is not ready. I remember when the bill was before the House on 1st Discussion I was the one who moved that 2nd Discussion come on that same day. I would like to know how the bill will come up at the next meeting.

The Vice-Chairman in reply to the last Speaker said,—Members will be asked to remain after the meeting, I will ask for suggestions then.

2nd Member for Christianssted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The Council can receive and adopt amendments at 2nd Discussion.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I remember in one of the meetings the Honorable 4th Appointed Member suggested that houses on

estates be not taxed. That should be incorporated.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood): Mr. Vice Chairman. I think the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District is alluding to a suggestion I made in the Committee meeting that land and building tax remain the same as in the old law, as I consider that if an extra tax is put on country buildings that would swell our taxes considerably. That is the suggestion I made at that time.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) moved that the House go into caucus immediately after the order of the day is exhausted.

2nd Member for Christianssted Country District (Berg) seconded the member's motion.

3rd Member for Christianssted Town (Alexander): Mr. Vice-Chairman. Before the motion is put to the vote I wish to make a suggestion—In view of the fact that 1st Member for Frederiksted Town and the 2nd Member for Christianssted Country District have stated that they have not received a copy of the law I suggest that the matter be reintroduced.

2nd Member for Christianssted Country District (Berg): Mr. Vice Chairman. The Honorable Member is in error, I have received a copy of the law.

3rd Member for Christianssted Town (Alexander): Mr. Vice-Chairman. That may be so, but you will remember that at the beginning of the present session the Member stated that he was without a copy.

A copy of the ordinance providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the Municipality of St. Croix was then handed to 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson).

The Vice-Chairman then put to the vote the motion made by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District that the House meet in caucus immediately after the order of the day is exhausted.

10 members voted for; 1 against.

Item 4.

Colonial Council Bill No. 3, Fourth Council, First Session.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 3, Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by Government, amending Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix.

The bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 3.

Fourth Council, First Session 1923-1924.

**DRAFT OF AN ORDINANCE**  
*to amend an ordinance concerning public roads in St. Croix.*

*Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix:*

That the Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix, passed by

the Colonial Council on December 18, 1922; changes in English construction authorized by the Colonial Council on June 27, 1923, and sanctioned and approved by the Governor of the Virgin Islands on July 14, 1923, and effective on July 1, 1923, is hereby amended as follows:

*Section 8.* Section 8 is amended to read as follows: "The Chairman of the Road Commission shall draw a salary of Francs 6,750.00 per annum, from and after July 1, 1923. The Road inspectors shall each receive compensation at the rate of Francs 160.00 per annum."

*Section 11.* Insert the following sentence between the first and second sentences of the second paragraph: "Assignment shall also be made in such manner that one unit of first class road shall be considered equivalent to two units of second class road."

*Section 12.* The second paragraph is amended to read as follows: "Before the first of October, the boundaries of the different allotments shall be exactly indicated by conspicuous posts planted by the road side by the respective road holder. These posts shall have marked thereon the name of the property to which the road is allocated for maintenance."

*Proposed by the Government.*

Government Secretary [Zane] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The ordinance which is now being introduced is almost self-explanatory. The question of the salary of the Road Commission is due to an oversight; the ordinance provides for a salary of Frs. 1,500 whereas the budgeted salary is Frs. 6,750. The change recommended in Section 11 is to equalize the road assignment, and in Section 12 the change recommended is merely to have the ordinance specify what it implies—marking the boundaries of the different allotments by conspicuous posts planted by the roadside. I might state that it would be appreciated by Government if action is taken on this matter as early as possible as I understand that the repairing of the roads is now under way.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): Mr. Vice-Chairman. May I ask whether the amended Road Ordinance as passed and approved has been printed? I see from one of the newspapers that it has received a copy. Members of the Road Commission have not yet been furnished with copies.

*To be continued.*