

MOLASSES

From September 1st price of Molasses will be 6 cents per gallon. Smallest quantity sold: 10 gallons. No sales during Fridays and Saturdays.

WEST INDIAN SUGAR FACTORY:

DIED at Pleasant Grove Mrs. MARY MADSEN, 86 years. Funeral 4.30 this afternoon from Pleasant Grove to Lutheran Church.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The Director of Education was before the Municipal Committee, but we did not get much information from him on this matter. We know that there are nineteen boys at the school—five from St. Croix and fourteen from St. Thomas; but the question is we are spending \$1,100. Are we getting \$1,100 worth of results? In his remarks before the Municipal Committee the Director of Education in referring to the school said: "This is like an old broom, and it is better to have an old broom than none at all."

Government Secretary (*Zane*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. As I understand, the school at Leinster Bay was started by St. Thomas and St. John. Now this Municipality starts sending boys there and if this is done it is only fair that they provide for their maintenance. If it is considered best to withdraw the boys, then the money can remain in the Colonial Treasury. It is difficult to furnish the information the Chairman of the Municipal Committee desires.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. From a semi-official source the Committee got the information that the school is not satisfactory and that the Government had no intention of sending any more boys there. Now we want to get at the bottom of the whole affair and know just where we stand. We always insist that St. Thomas pay its share towards the maintenance for persons sent from that island to any of our institutions here, this I suppose is only a means of getting back of us and for this reason we would like to do what is right, though St. Croix supported forty prisoners from St. Thomas during the last year.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I have been told by an official that the school at St. John has been unsatisfactory. With the Vice-Chairman's permission I wish to read from Governor Kittelle's report for the year 1920.

Reform School for Delinquent Boys.—A small reform school for delinquent boys, under the supervision of Mrs. R. Clen, has been conducted in St. John for several years. Living accommodations very limited and primitive at this institution; only a small number of boys can be cared for. In his Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, the Director of Education reported at some length on the serious problem of juvenile delinquency that confronted the Department of Education and the Government in general. During the past year this menace to the community has been less in evidence, and it is believed is on the decrease. There is still, however, a crying need for some suitable place, under competent management, to which these delinquent children can be committed."

and continuing the Member said.—That goes to say that the Governor at that time considered that the Management was not satisfactory. Those conditions have not been changed since. About four months ago I visited St. John and was asked if I couldn't do something to relieve the situation.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): Couldn't the Honorable 1st Appointed Member who visited St. John some time ago give some elucidations?

1st Appointed Member (*Coulter*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I am glad to see that this Council is not opposed to the passage of this money bill. I didn't care to speak before because I saw it was the intention of the Council to pass the Bill. There is a crying need in this island, not only for delinquent boys but for incorrigible boys also. There is a list of fifteen or sixteen boys who come up at regular intervals before the Juvenile Court. They commit petty thefts, use bad language and most of them have no parents, but guardians who have not proper control over them. We have complaints against these boys, but what can the Court do? It cannot send them to prison where they will be placed with hardened criminals. The Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town witnessed the carrying out of the sentences of the Court on a few boys recently for disturbance of the peace. I believe they received ten lashes each. There is no other place where boys could be sent but Leinster Bay. I think it is the duty of Government to look after these boys, to put them in a place and give them an agricultural training in the field or learn

a trade—carpentry or some other trade. In 1921 the question of a reform school on the island of St. John was taken up by Governor Kittelle. At the opening of the District Court at St. Thomas on July 5, 1921, the Director of Education, the Director of Police and the Aid for Public Welfare were asked to go to St. John. We left St. Thomas at 7 o'clock in the morning and on our arrival we went all over that island, and the majority of us were of the opinion that the site selected on the island of St. John was the most unsuitable place to build such an institution. We visited Mrs. Clen's school. The children were taught from 9 to 12, and they worked in the afternoon. The accommodation was very limited and the equipment was very primitive indeed. I was under the impression that the estate was the property of Mrs. Clen. There seems to be too much of a commercial spirit in the school.

I do hope that this Council will vote this money bill, and as the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town has said, as a temporary measure. In the meantime let us get some information regarding the school. I heartily recommend the money bill to the Council.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. We have, after all, a good deal of information on the matter. \$9.00 per month for the maintenance of a boy in the reform School at Leinster Bay seems high considering that an able-bodied man on this island works for forty cents per day and gets only two days work each week which amounts to \$8.00 per month. The maintenance of these boys is high, the matter should be investigated. Couldn't this matter be placed under the Police and Prison Department? I cannot see where the Department of Education comes in.

1st Appointed Member (*Coulter*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I don't think we should quibble over which department this school should come under. I understand that this lady, Mrs. Clen, is an employee of the Department of Education. I do not agree with the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District when he compares the wages of a laborer and the maintenance of one of those boys; after all two dollars and a half per week is not too much to pay for the clothing, shelter and education of an incorrigible boy.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. For the benefit of the Honorable 1st Appointed Member I wish to state that this question came up in the Municipal Committee, but we did not get much information on it. I don't want to hold up the bill on that account. We are collecting our money from St. Thomas, and therefore I agree that we pay our share for the maintenance of those boys.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town