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THE FUTURE OF THE HARBOR

The action of the Chamber of Commerce in appointing a committee to study harbor and port needs is altogether the most important step that has been taken in connection with the future of the commerce of the island, particularly if the committee has proper conception of the importance of the work delegated to it. It is more important than the mere dredging of the harbor itself, because the committee has an opportunity to determine, or suggest, what is best to do once the harbor is dredged.

The more dredging work will be of no benefit to the island unless the government or officials directly in control of the harbor adopt a policy which will attract ships to this port and facilitate their discharge and receipt of cargo.

To adopt a policy without carrying it out will be futile. Men interested in shipping assert that San Juan is fast getting a name among steamship captains of being a port to be shunned. Part of this doubtless is due to labor conditions. Other causes are the lack of docking facilities, and fees that are extremely high if not actually excessive.

Frequently ships are diverted from this port because they cannot get fuel here. Coaling facilities are inadequate while the facilities for storing oil are so limited that it is seldom possible to bunker oil-burning ships here. Every ship that comes here for fuel is apt to want other supplies. Supplies costs money. Money spent here helps toward prosperity.

Cargo-handling machinery is needed if ships are to be given quick dispatch.

This is aside from any question connected with the efficiency of the labor along the waterfront. And it has been found that as a matter of fact the introduction of machinery for labor-saving generally has made other work so that the use of machinery does not mean less employment.

Every possible facility should be provided which will attract ships to this port and when they are here they should be treated in a way that their captains will be glad to come again. Stories could be related of sea captains captured by land pirates in this port, and the stories would rival those of Cofraci.

After every improvement has been provided, after the harbor is big enough to shelter all ships that want to come, after every need of the ships is supplied the future of the port and to a very large degree the future of the island, depends on our desire to attract business to the port and our desire to deal fairly and with mutual profit.—*Porto Rico Progress*, Sept. 17th.

Publication.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of Frs. 242.15, income on the invested capital of His Royal Highness Prince Valdemar's Wedding Memorial Fund for the benefit of worthy indigent persons in St. Croix, will be on hand for distribution on the 22nd October 1920.

Applications for participation in this distribution, duly certified, should be forwarded to the undersigned on or before October 12th, 1920.

Despatching Secretary's Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands of U. S. September 20th, 1920.

FRED. B. COLBY,
Despatching Secretary.

A Reward of \$20

will be paid to any one who can, and will prove legally that any one has my cattle impounded without having given legal report, \$100 to the one that can prove that they have been sold, and have put other brand on my cattle.

EM. E. SVITZER.
Lt. Princess, 25th Sept. 1920.

AUCTION.

AT the request of Lawyer Stakemann on behalf of MR. JOSEPH E. ROUGH as attorney to Miss SUSAN ROUGH will be offered for sale at a public auction to be held at the undersigned Office in Government House on

Thursday the 14th of October 1920

AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Property

No. 23 in Company Street in the Town of Christiansted.

Conditions for the sale, appraisal and other documents will be filed at the office and may be previously inspected at Lawyer Stakemann's Office in Christiansted.

Christiansted's Vendue Office, St. Croix. September 27th 1920

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EM. E. SVITZE

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**Company Street Emporium
White Half Bottles**

at 2½c. each.

Christiansted, 28th Sept. 1920.

M. A. PRETTO.