

OBITUARY.

Mr. KENNETH HENDERSON, age 39, passed away at 3.00 a.m. today at his home in Frederiksted after a long illness. The funeral will take place at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences are extended to the widow and children, his mother and brothers and sisters thus sadly bereaved.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

At one o'clock p. m. Monday, June 30, 1924, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held an extraordinary meeting in the Colonial Council Hall in Christiansted.

(Convened by request of the Chairman).

Present: The Chairman (Robt. L. Merwin), F. Andersen, F. Coulter, Thos. Ramsay, Wm. Clarke, Robt. W. Skeoch, W. H. Fleming, W. S. Abramson, Jos. Alexander, H. Berg, D. C. Canegata, D. H. Jackson and Holger Jessen.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) absent from the island. 5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) absent from illness. 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) was also absent.

Government Secretary (Zane) and Despatching Secretary (Barrett) were present.

The Secretary being absent the Chairman asked the Assistant Secretary to act.

The following prayers were offered by the Chaplain, Rev. J. P. Christensen:

Our Heavenly Father we desire to be Thy children. Thy love is shed abroad upon all mankind and day by day we receive Thy blessings. May we all realize the moving force of Thy love and may our thoughts, meditation and service be acceptable in Thy sight. Pardon our sins and shortcomings and grant us Thy peace that passeth understanding.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost abide with us. Amen.

The Chairman remarked: Since the last meeting of the Council I have received a communication from Govern-

ment dated June 25, 1924, transmitting copy of Accounting Bulletin No. 2 of June 23rd, 1924. Copies of this matter have not yet been forwarded to me for distribution to members. That I expect will be done in the near future.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) entered the meeting at this stage of the proceedings.

The Clerk was requested by the Chairman to read the unpublished part of the minutes of the last meeting. While this order was being complied with 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) moved that further reading of the minutes be waived and that they be adopted.

It was requested by Government Secretary (Zane) that the adoption of the minutes be postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

Accordingly the adoption of the minutes was postponed until next meeting.

3rd Appointed Member (Armstrong) entered the meeting and took his seat as Secretary to the Council. The Assistant Secretary [W. H. Fleming] took his floor seat.

Item 1.

Vacation of seat of 5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) owing to absence from meetings according to Paragraph 24 of the Colonial Law.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members at the last meeting I read to you copy of a letter which I had addressed to the Honorable 5th Appointed Member. Since two communications have been received from him, the first his resignation which was withdrawn and the other I will read to you. The speaker read the communication, which is as follows:

June 30, 1924.

Chairman of the Col. Council,
St. Croix.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I regret very much not replying to your letter before, but it was my intention to be present at the next meeting hence my delay. However as owing to my prolong illness and my being unaware of your intention to hold an extraordinary meeting today, I feel there is at present no other course for me to pursue but to leave the matter in the hands of the Colonial Council.

Yours respectfully,

A. R. MCINTOSH.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town [Jackson] remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Honorable 5th Appointed Member, [McIntosh] tendered his resignation and withdrew it before it reached the Council. That is not the business of this House. All the Council has to do with is his letter which you have just read. I don't know whether the Honorable Member will be able to attend the next meeting of the Council. But isn't it strange to take such drastic measures in the case of the Honorable 5th Appointed Member

and single him out. Other members have violated the law and no such action was taken. Of course, law is law, and if we have a law it ought to be obeyed, and those in whose hands it is placed to be enforced should enforce it. This law has been in existence 1855. Now, of course, we are going to act upon the item on the order of the day to have the seat of the Honorable Member declared vacant; well and good, but let us be consistent. That will serve as the precedent and we know now where we stand. I am not making these remarks because the Honorable 5th Appointed Member is a member of my party. He is not, he is a member of the opposite party, and for that reason it doesn't matter to me whether he vacates his seat or not. It is the principle I am concerned about. Even the Honorable Chairman himself has violated the rule and no such action was taken.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District [Robt. W. Skeoch] remarked: Mr. Chairman. There is not a more lenient body of men to be found than the Members of this Council. In the case of the Chairman violating the law as the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town has said, it was he, the Honorable Member who, as his substitute on the Municipal Committee, was magnanimous enough to propose that time be given the Chairman until he had recovered from his illness and able to resume his duties. That was very broad minded of him. I don't think any one wants to declare the seat of the Honorable 5th Appointed Member vacant on account of ill health. The Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District was the one who brought up the question or else it would have been lying asleep. I don't know why he did it. I don't like the member's remark that the Chairman has singled out a particular person. I must say personally, I am a friend of the Honorable 5th Appointed Member and I am willing to give him every chance possible. I have not seen him but I have made inquiries and was told it will be sometime before he will be able to attend meetings of the Council. I propose that the Honorable Member be given an opportunity to present himself at the next meeting.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL

The s. s. "Guiana" will sail from New York on the 17th inst.

The s. s. "Parima" from New York is due at Frederiksted tonight at 10 o'clock, having 307 packages and 52 bags mail for this island.

The sloop "Mizpah" left for St. Thomas last night with mails and passengers.