

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that the Trade-mark shown below which was registered in the United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C., on July 19, 1921, in the name of Standard Oil Company of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and Trade-mark certificate No. 144,944 issued therefor, has this date been registered in the Office of the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands of the United States at St. Thomas, in accordance with the provisions in the regulations governing the registration of Patents and Trade marks in the Virgin Islands, approved 30 June, 1920.



Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Thomas, 3 December 1921.

C. C. TIMMONS,
Government Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from Saturday's Avis.)

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

1. Radio from Government of December 5, 1921, postponing the meeting of the Colonial Council from December 12th to December 22, 1921, in accordance with Section 36 of the Colonial Law.
2. Letter from Government of December 17, 1921, requesting the Chairman of the Colonial Council to include in the Order of the Day for the Colonial Council meeting to be held on Thursday, 22 December, 1921, Draft of an Ordinance providing for the Assessment, Levy and Collection of Taxes upon real and personal property in the Municipality of St. Croix.

The Chairman remarked: This matter

has been duly entered upon the Order of the Day.

3. Letter from Government forwarding copy of the Report of the Commission appointed, in accordance with resolution passed by the Colonial Council, to mediate between employers and employees.

The Chairman remarked: This report is too long to read to the Council; it will be placed on the table today and afterwards any member may see it by applying to the Assistant to the Council at the Office. It is a very important matter quite interesting.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) moved that the Report be printed and circulated to Members of the Council.

The Chairman remarked: From an economical view point I would prefer not to have it printed. Members can have access to it by applying to the Assistant at the Council Office.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) in reply to the Chairman said, — This is a matter which concerns the Council; Members of the Committee sat up until dark working upon it. I feel it should be printed and circulated.

Finally it was put to the vote and carried that the Report be printed and circulated to Members.

The Chairman then took up item 2 of the Order of the Day and remarked: According to Par. 11 of the By-Laws for the Municipal Committee the Chairman has forwarded a report for September quarter for inspection of Members of the Council. I will now lay a copy before you, and for one week after it will be in the Council Office for inspection daily from 9 a. m. to 12 and to 5 o'clock p. m.

Item 1.

Colonial Council Bill No. 12.

Introduction of and 1st discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 12, Draft of an ordinance, introduced by Government providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes upon real and personal property.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) in introducing the Ordinance said, — Mr. Chairman. In introducing this Draft of Ordinance providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes upon real and personal property, we feel that the time is at hand that we should have a proper American system of taxation in this island. In introducing this particular law we realize that it is not perfect; it does not confirm to all local conditions; that is why it is placed before the Council. It is now working in the neighboring islands and giving excellent results. It is true it took a long time to put the system into effect in St. Thomas, but the people realize after all that it is the best.

You are now paying as ground tax twenty-one cents per acre; under this system I don't believe you would pay

more, but lands that are not taxed will have to be taxed. The tax system under which we are now working was provided by a Commission in 1907, it doesn't meet with American ideas of taxation. We are asking this Council to pass this law to meet local conditions.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I only wish to make a suggestion on the Ordinance now before the House. It is of vital importance to all members of the community, to the Planter, the Merchant, and any member of the community who owns a house. Congress has just passed a new income tax law and an excess profit tax law, and we are now taking this important law which provides for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes under consideration. We are always ready to welcome any new system introduced, but I find the rates stated by Government too high. I do not know, Mr. Chairman, whether it is in order to ask the Chairman of the Municipal Committee to give us some idea on the matter, as the ordinance has been before the Municipal Committee for some time. I think it necessary that the Council appoint a committee to look into this matter, and let that committee issue subpoenas to private citizens to appear before it and hear their opinion before final action is taken on the ordinance.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I will make a short statement of what happened on the matter. The Municipal Committee in going over this draft of ordinance found as its first difficulty whether one or two percent would be a fair rate. With that in view, we drew up a resolution and forward same to Government to this effect:

That a resolution be introduced in the Council that a commission be appointed consisting of two members elected by the Council and one by the Governor to appraise all real and personal property in the island."

The proposal did not meet with the approval of the Government, consequently the Municipal Committee felt that it was unable to decide. In our next meeting it came up that this matter should be discussed by a larger number of members of the Council than constitutes the members of the Municipal Committee, and that it be sent to a committee of the whole house. The Municipal Committee then recommend that the matter be introduced in the Council to go to a Committee of the whole house.

LOCAL.

The Mystery arrived late Saturday night at Frederiksted the mail for Christiansted consisting of 102 bags, boxes, etc., reaching this town in two lots at 8 a. m. and 10 a. m. New Year's