

A few pictures of the late President Harding can be had at this Office.

A CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bastian and children beg to thank all those who have shown them sympathy all through the illness and at the death of their beloved IONE. Special thanks is given to the Municipal Hospital staff and the press.

MR. & MRS. CHARLES BASTIAN.
Christiansted St. Croix, Aug. 24, 1923.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I have a remark to make regarding the discussion on the budget. I have before me the printed copy of the proceedings in which the budget was discussed, and in which the Honorable 5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) is quoted as saying: "The elected members are unfit to represent their constituents." I did not hear the Honorable Member make this remark. I propose that it be stricken. I think for the Member's own sake he should have it stricken from the records.

5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) remarked: The Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District is correct. What I said at that time was: "The elected members were doing an injustice to their constituents."

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) has expressed his views in regard to the minutes, and the Honorable 5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) has stated that the remark is not exactly as he made it. On the motion made by the 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) that part of the minutes to which the Member objects is ordered stricken from the records.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I do not think that the minutes of the meeting previous to the last have been adopted. I believe the minutes for that meeting are also to come up for adoption. I suggest that the minutes for that meeting be read.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. If the minutes for that

meeting have been printed and circulated members certainly have had an opportunity to bring in their objection, if any. I think the reading of the minutes paragraph by paragraph is a waste of time.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. In this case where there is a lapse of time I think it would be a great strain on one's mind if he tries to remember all that was said. That's why I ask that the minutes be read.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: With regards to the minutes of the meeting previous to the last we would consume at least half an hour if the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District insists that they be read. If he does not insist that they be read we can consider them tacitly adopted.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. A proposal was made at the last meeting that the adoption of the minutes for June 22nd be postponed until this meeting, that was done because it was stated at the time that members had not seen them in print. The minutes have since been printed and circulated to members. With that in view I don't think it necessary to have them read today.

The adoption of the minutes for the meeting held June 22 was moved by 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) and adopted.

The Chair hearing no further objection to the minutes for the last meeting declared them tacitly adopted.

His Excellency, Governor Henry Hughes Hough, entered the meeting at this stage of the proceedings.

All the members rose when His Excellency entered.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members we have with us today His Excellency the Governor.

After requesting the members to resume their seats His Excellency remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman and Honorable Members of the Council: It gives me great pleasure to be with you again. I regret exceedingly that many things prevented me from coming in June. Possibly you know that many changes have taken place; there was sickness in my family and I was sick myself, and the loss of our President prevented my coming over earlier. I hope to stay with you a while and will come periodically. I am not going to say much today, because you have a long list of things on your order of the day and it is my hope that you will carry on and cover all that it may not be necessary for me to call an extraordinary meeting tomorrow or some other day. I wish you success in your deliberations.

The Vice-Chairman then brought up item 1 of the Order of the Day.

Item 1.

Production of copy of Minutes of the

Municipal Committee for the Quarter ending June 30, 1923, forwarded by the Chairman of the Committee for inspection of Members of the Council.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members. The By-Law for the Municipal Committee requires that the proceedings of the Committee be laid on the table 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 for one week, from 9 a. m. to 12 and from 2 to 5 p. m.

It was suggested by 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) that item 8 on the Order of the Day be considered in lieu of item 2.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: It has been decided to take that matter up next. Item 8.

Declaration of vacancy of the seat of the 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I don't remember a case like this coming before the Council. All I remember of this is, Mr. Fleming was elected a member of the Council, he received a Patent of Election, but no letter advising him that he was elected to the Council. After receiving his Patent of Election he sent in his resignation to the Electoral Board, but too late. I was told that he was advised to send in his resignation to the Chairman, but up to the present it has not reached the Council Office. In conversation with Mr. Fleming I asked him what he intended to do and he told me that if he did not attend the meetings his seat would be declared vacant, and that is just what has happened today.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Mr. Fleming was supposed to receive a letter notifying him of his election, and as far as I remember a letter was dictated, written, signed and forwarded to him. He did forward his resignation to the Electoral Board, but not within the time prescribed by law; however he was advised to forward it to the Chairman of the Council.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Berg): Mr. Vice-Chairman. It would appear that Mr. Fleming sent in his resignation to the Electoral Board. Does the Honorable Vice-Chairman know whether the resignation was received by the Chairman of the Colonial Council?

The Vice-Chairman in reply to the last speaker said,—It was received by the Electoral Board, not by the Chairman of the Council.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: It is clear to every one that Mr. Fleming will not take his seat. I now declare his seat vacant and Government will be notified accordingly.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) Mr. Vice-Chairman. I think this matter should be decided by the