

ST. CROIX AVIS

"The Barque Rosalia, Captain Hill, sailed yesterday for Philadelphia with a full cargo of molasses, etc. Among her passengers is Captain Newton, of the Coldstream Guards, who, with his brother, has been passing the winter upon their estates in this island. Those who make his acquaintance will find him rarely endowed with accomplishments and virtues."

(To be continued.)

Council of St. Croix.

That the following days in each year, namely: The First Day of January; the 12th. day of February; the 22nd. day of February; the 4th. day of July; the First Monday in September; the Day declared by the President as Thanksgiving Day; the 25th. and 26th. Days of December; the Days upon which Good Friday, Easter Monday and Whit Monday fall; the 30th. day of May; and every Sunday; and such other days as the President or the Governor may by proclamation declare to be a holiday shall be legal holidays in St. Croix for all purposes; Provided, that whenever any such day set apart as a legal holiday, other than the 25th day of December, shall fall on Sunday, then, and in such case, the next succeeding day shall be a legal holiday. All commercial papers falling due and all negotiable instruments maturing on a Sunday or a legal holiday shall, for all purposes of presenting for payment, payment and (or) acceptance, and (or) payable on the next secular day succeeding.

Section 2. That all laws or ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby repealed, and no other days than those hereinbefore set apart as such shall be deemed or considered legal holidays.

St. Croix, February 25th 1924.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,

2nd Member Frederiksted Town.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) in introducing the ordinance said, -Mr. Vice-Chairman. The proposer of this bill requests me to ask that it be furthered. He gives as his reason for introducing this ordinance that the days desired to be made public holidays should be embodied in the ordinance. He believes that it would be better to have the 12th day of February in the ordinance rather than have the Governor use his prerogative of making it a holiday. The ordinance as offered today is the same as the one now in existence except that the 17th day of January is struck out and the 12th day of February added and also the words: "Should any of these holidays fall on a Sunday the

following day may be observed as a holiday instead." On behalf of the proposer of the bill I ask that it be furthered.

(To be concluded.)

EDITORIAL.

As will have been noted by an ad which was inserted for the first time on Saturday, Mr. M. A. Roman, proprietor of Estate Lowry Hill, has placed his milk on the market selling directly to the consumer instead of through the Christiansted Cooperative Dairy as heretofore. Mr. Roman is established on the premises formerly known as Miss Marie Fross's store. As regards the open selling of milk by individual dairymen it is questionable whether the public has anything to gain by it although it may increase the returns of those entering upon it. We have no axe to grind in this matter and neither wish to boost the Cooperative Dairy nor oppose the retailers. However this is how we look at it: The Christiansted Cooperative Dairy was started some years ago by progressively inclined farmers who it must be supposed had previously given this matter their careful consideration and must have found it at least in their own interest to establish this cooperative plan of disposing of their milk and other dairy products. The arguments advanced at the time why this dairy was an improvement on the earlier method of serving the public are only too fresh to memory to call for a repetition of them here. Everybody appreciates the sanitary handling, the facility to get milk at any time of the day, the advantage of having fresh butter at the table every morning, the skimmed milk which is a veritable blessing to those less fortunate patrons whose means do not admit of sweet whole milk; cream that was otherwise never seen here now an innovation of the cooperative dairy; and so on. Of late cheese is added to the list of things the dairy offers. The business has to all outward appearances prospered and just recently an expert dairyman from Denmark has come out to still improve the quality of the products. This institution furthermore affords a living to a number of natives. In all seriousness we ask, what's the occasion for a change at this time? Is it in the interest of the public? We can scarcely see our way to answer in the affirmative since there were times when the individual members of the Christiansted Cooperative Dairy had a better opportunity of showing such interest and it was not shown. Does this separation of members mean better products to the public? Hardly for at all events it will involve the discontinuance

of some of the present ones such as butter and cheese for which the dairy is specially equipped and which the individual farmers do not offer for the present at least. Will prices be cheaper? Perhaps for now until the dairy is forced out of business. On the whole we don't like this chopping and changing in business and if the selling of milk individually spells the ultimate closing of the dairy then we fear it will do the community no good. That we have such an institution in Christiansted is always an asset to the place. One doesn't have to be chasing about town to get a bottle of milk, and one feels tolerably certain that the milk served is clean and of a good quality. It is our opinion that this place cannot support two independent and fully equipped dairies, and in attempting to create two we will soon have none. The opening of a milk room by Mrs. Jorgensen the other day did not last long. Probably the dairy members will make an effort to adjust their differences if they have any and the institution which the public has grown to appreciate may yet be permitted to survive in the interest of all the farmers alike.

LOCAL

The Native Brass Band and the Industrial Band gave public concerts on the wharf yesterday afternoon and evening to the enjoyment of appreciative gatherings.

It is advised that effective today the conversion rates for the transaction of postal money order business have been fixed at 5 and 6 cents U. S. money, for the Belgian and French franc respectively.

Friends of the Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Gower, formerly of Saint Paul's Frederiksted, will learn with regret of the recent death of Mrs. Gower under an operation at a New York hospital, according to news received by last Saturday's mail. She is survived by a daughter, and little son 9 years old.

The weather was exceedingly calm and close yesterday. The water in the harbor glistened without a ripple as a sheet of polished glass and the flags around hung limply at their poles. Toward midnight a shower of rain fell which measured at the fort this morning 2½ lines and was the means of cooling the atmosphere somewhat, keeping down the dust and adding a few gallons of drinking water to our diminishing supply. With this calm weather the mosquitoes are out in full force.

Since writing our editorial remarks the price of sweet milk has dropped all around, the dairy leading, at 6 cents a bottle. This is the people's chance to get cheap milk while it lasts. Meat next we hear.