

Government of the Virgin Islands of the
United States, St. Thomas.

26 June 1920.

Official Notice.

It is hereby brought to public notice that the Ordinance providing for the organization of the Judiciary and Educational Departments of the Virgin Islands of the United States, as passed by the Colonial Council for St. Croix at its extraordinary meeting held on the 25 May 1920, has been sanctioned and approved as follows:

The hereto attached draft of Ordinance consisting of:

Title 1—Organization.

which was passed by the Colonial Council for St. Croix, on Tuesday, May 25, 1920, is hereby sanctioned and approved to take effect and be in full force in all its provisions at and on August 1st, 1920, at 12:01 o'clock a. m.

It is further directed that the Government Secretary place on file for public perusal, copies of this Ordinance, in the following public offices, viz:

The Police Office at Christiansted,
The Police Office at King's Hill,
The Police Office at Frederiksted,
The Despatching Secretary's Office,

and that the Government Secretary transmit a copy to each newspaper published at St. Croix.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America at St. Thomas, this 26th day of June, in the year 1920.

J. W. OMAN,

Governor.

C. C. TIMMONS,

Government Secretary.

The Company Street Emporium

OFFERS

Extra FAMILY SALT BEEF,
FAMILY MESS PORK,
COD FI H,
SOFT CREAM CHEESE,
CREAMERY BUTTER
in 1 & 2 lb tins,

Also by retail.

Christiansted, 8th July 1920.

M. A. PRETTO.

EDITORIAL.

The Colonial Council meets in extraordinary session today at which meeting it is understood the Governor will not be present. The order of the day consists of items

Received

Ex S. S. Guiana.

FORD WINDSHIELDS,

MUFFLERS,

BRAKE LINING.

SPEDOMETER CABLES and
SWIVEL JOINTS, WHEEL PULLERS.

Two and three gang Switches,
HYDROMETERS,

CHAMPION X and SPLITDORF
SPARK PLUGS.

Dust Caps, Valve Caps and Bushings,
LOCKWASHERS, COTTER PINS,

GREASE GUNS,
CYLINDAR HEAD BOLTS.

KEYS for SWITCH BOX,
ADJUSTING CONES,

SPINDLE BODY BUSHING,
VALVES, TAIL LIGHTS.

CHAMPION PORCELAINS,
TIRE TAPE, KLAXON HORNS,

and COMPRESSION WHISTLES,
GASKETS, SOCKET WRENCH SETS,
GOODRICH TIMERS.

BUICK SPOT LIGHTS,
TIRE GAUGES, VALVE REPAIR
TOOLS,

UPPER SPRINGS for COIL,
FORD HUB CAPS,

JOHNSON'S PREPARED WAX,
AUTO BULBS,

Ra-di-no-Leak, Hood Lacing, Metal Pump
Connections.

AUBACH'S CANDY BARS,
LIFE SAVERS,

NUT TOOTSIE ROLLS,
CARTER'S FOUNTAIN PEN INK,

SNAP SHOT ALBUMS,
ENGELS ART CORNERS,

Typewriter Ribbons and Paper,
GALV. WASH PANS.

ERIK. R. STAKEMANN.

upon which there will probably arise no little difference of opinion, especially as regards bill No. 43 introduced by 1st. member for Christiansted town Abramson, providing for the sale of spirituous, vinous, and malt liquors etc. This bill contemplates the abolition of the existing prohibition against the sale of the products named in it, and if passed, and not vetoed by the Governor, the local manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors, and the importation and sale of certain such, will again be permitted. Small as this island is, and moderate as the habits of the people have been in the use of strong drink, opinion is divided as to whether the place should be bone dry or

wet. As a matter of fact there has been no real opportunity of gaining practical experience as to what a truly dry place is like since the dry bill went in force here, for the wets had put in stores of liquor which are not yet exhausted, and the poorest barkeast is said to be able to get his grog with much the same ease as before. It has been time and again emphasized that the condition in this island hardly warranted drastic measures to combat intemperance of which there was very little. Lawyer Stake-mann in valuable contributions on the subject has showed statistical evidence where the percentage of alcohol consumed in this island was less than in other places that could boast of temperance. The late Canon Watson has used the columns of this paper in defence of the accusation that drunkenness was rampant in St. Croix, and those who have viewed the situation from all sides doubtless know that little crime was actually due to drunkenness. There is advanced likewise the argument that the manufacture of rum forms one of the chief industries of the island and ought to be upheld. Then, too, comes the general decrying of prohibition from the standpoint so much clamored when it was approaching on the continent that it inroads upon the personal rights of the individual who should not be dictated to what he should drink any more than what he should eat. All good argument so far, but it is not necessarily good argument that wins out in St. Croix. In the interest of the island and the progress of its people and the affiliation with the mother nation, so much to be encouraged, it is to be hoped that whatever be the upshot of this move, it will not impair the chances of these islands with the mother-country, nor represent them in a less favorable light than they deserve.

LOCAL.

It is circulating that today's meeting of the Council is likely to prove very interesting. A good attendance of spectators is encouraged, and good behaviour also. While the enthusiasm of the gallery may be aroused by remarks appealing to the feelings of those not privileged to speak, it should be borne in mind that it is none the less confusing to the chair and the stenographer, apart from being contrary to the rules of the Council, to indulge in boisterous clapping and talking.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, July 8, 1920.

Editor "St. Croix Avis":—

Please grant me space for but a few remarks to your correspondent "Friend" who is again at me in today's issue of