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SUGAR MEN FAVOR FREE MARKET FOR NEW CROP

Sugar producers who gathered yesterday at the offices of the Sugar Producers Association took no official action on the question of whether there should be governmental control of the coming sugar crop.

This does not mean, however, that the producers present were not in favor of a free market. But after discussing this question from 10 o'clock in the morning until almost 2 o'clock in the afternoon the idea seemed to prevail that it would be inadvisable for the producers here to take any stand in the matter and for this reason no official action was recorded. It may be said, however, that the growers were unanimously in favor of an unrestricted market.

Ramón Aboy Benitez, President of the Producers Association, explained to the association that he did not appear at Washington as a witness in the recent sugar investigation because he was not informed of the investigation until after it was completed.

The association appointed a committee to meet with the board of equalization and take up with that body the question of arriving at an equitable assessment of sugar properties for the coming year. —*Porto Rico Progress, Nov. 21st.*

THREE CENTRALS FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER

At least three sugar centrals plan to start their grinding seasons during the first week in December. These centrals

are Guanica Aguirre and Mercedita, at Ponce.

Central Aguirre will probably start December 5th, according to Mr. Carpenter, the general manager, although he said that the date would not be definitely fixed until after his return to Aguirre.

The time of opening the season at Mercedita will depend very largely on when the sugar boilers arrive. If the boilers are able to sail from New York on Saturday, the central will open its season the first week in December, but if the boilers are not able to sail the opening will be delayed. Guanica Centrale is also planning to start grinding during the first week in December but the actual day, it is said, has not yet been definitely fixed. Neither F. T. Maxwell, general manager, nor T. D. Boyd, the superintendent, are now in the island. Originally it was planned to start grinding just before the holiday time, but a view of the shortage in sugar, the opening date has been moved forward two or three weeks. —*Ibid.*

Frederiksted Apothecary's Hall

offers a few suggestions
for

Xmas Presents

such as

BENZON COSMETIC TOILET-SOAP
box of 3 pieces

FANCY BOX WRITING PAPER &
ENVELOPES
assorted sizes

BOX OF FRENCH PERFUMERY
CORYLOPSIS TALCUM-POWDER
fancy tin

PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUM
for snapshots

BOX OF FINE RICORO CIGARS
TIN OF EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES
50 or 100

WELLINGTON BRIAR PIPE
straight or bent

Jean Petersen, Frederiksted.

ORDER OF THE DAY

for the 4th Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix, MONDAY, December 15, 1919, at one o'clock p. m.

1. Colonial Council Bill No. 17.
Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, introduced by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll)—Increases in salaries to effect a re-organization of the Municipal Police Force.
2. Colonial Council Bill No. 18.
Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, granting Fres. 10,000.00 to be expended during the period from January 1, 1920 to June 30, 1920 inclusive for the establishing and maintaining of a Government Attorney's Office.
3. Colonial Council Bill No. 19.
Resolution—That the unexpended portion of the pension granted former Teacher Alex Joseph, Sub. Item XIII, No. 6 on the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix, 1919-20 be paid to his widow Mrs. Margaret Alicia Joseph. Introduced by 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata).
4. Colonial Council Bill No. 20.
Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata), providing for a Hearse for the poor of Christiansted.
5. Colonial Council Bill No. 21.
Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, introduced by 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) for the purchase of 1 Hearse not to exceed Francs 500.00.
6. Colonial Council Bill No. 24.
Resolution assigning additional land to the Leper Asylum. Introduced by 3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch).
Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, December 8, 1919.

ROBT. L. MERWIN
Chairman