

MAILS CLOSE
for St. Thomas at 5 o'clock this afternoon,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I cannot see any reason for an hour recess on this matter. The Municipal Committee had this matter before it for nearly three months and could not put it through for the sake of some one who was absent.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Moran met with us and said he was not in a position to make any promise, but he said if the institution is formed, the Red Cross would give liberal aid. The question before us now is, whether this matter will be furthered or whether the Council does not want the institution, and whether we do not care about the moral of the girls of this town.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I consider that the discussion is confined to a committee. If the committee is to report here this afternoon I would prefer to withdraw the proposal. We must be given time to consider what we are going to do, and what we are not going to do. Those who are legislating for the general welfare of the community must be given a chance to consider what they are going to do. Meeting after meeting matters are rushed through this Council, just because we are told if action is not taken we would lose. We are here to act for the good of the people, and we should not be treated in such a manner. Passing matters through three discussions in one day is not in the meaning of the Colonial Law; time must be given. We are not sitting here for the sake of ourselves, we are here for the good of the public. I again propose a committee of five members to investigate and report on this matter.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) would like to know with regard to the bill which is now before the Council where and now is the Colonial Law violated?

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) answered: The law is not violated, but the members are sitting here and making extraordinary measures.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If it is known that there is not another place to be had, why then have a committee appointed?

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: I am not authorized to speak for Government, but from personal knowledge I do not know of another place for even a temporary occupation that will meet with the condition laid down by the Red Cross.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It seems to me a peculiar thing that one member is in possession of such information when the Municipal Committee has not even the slightest information of it.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Municipal Committee, as far as I know, has never investigated to find out whether any other suitable place could be had.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) remarked: Is it a State secret why the conditions of the Red Cross cannot be made public?

The Chairman answered: Not that I know of. As far as I know Mr. Moran spoke tentatively, he said he was not in a position to speak with authority.

The Chairman put to the vote the proposal made by Member Stakemann for a committee of five members to investigate and report on the bill.

7 members voted for; none against.
The Chairman remarked: The motion is carried.

The Chairman then gave a recess of twenty minutes.

After recess the Council reassembled and the Chairman asked Members to prepare their voting tickets for a committee of five members to investigate and report on Colonial Council Bill No. 41.

11 voting tickets were handed in.
1 was invalid and one was blank.

Elected were: 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) with 9 votes, 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) and 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) with 8 votes respectively, 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) with 6 votes and 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Pentheny) with 4 votes.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (MacKay) received 3 votes, 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) and 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) received 2 votes respectively, 2nd Member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin) and 5th Appointed Member (Lunney) received 1 vote respectively.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) proposed that the Council adjourns for one hour and that the Committee meet during that hour and hand in its report this afternoon.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr. Chairman. That proposal is impossible. One of the members elected on the Committee is not present.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: The majority of them are present.

The Chairman remarked: You have a quorum.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not expect that the Committee elected to report on this bill will hand in its report this afternoon as the majority of the men elected on the Committee are not in favor.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman I rise to a point of order; a motion for adjournment is before the House.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) again moved that the Council adjourns for one hour and that the Committee meet during that time and give its report after the Council reassembles.

The Chairman put the proposal to the vote.

6 members voted for; 4 against.
The Chairman remarked: The motion is carried.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If there is danger that the Council is going to adjourn and the members are not coming back, it is better not to adjourn for the hour, as the other two items on the Order of the Day are very important, and the members staying away might leave us without a quorum and spoil the Order of the Day.

According to proposal made and carried, the Council adjourned at 3.45 to reassemble at 4.45 p. m.

At 4.45 p. m. the Council reassembled and the Chairman remarked: "We closed with a recess for one hour with a motion that the Committee appointed to investigate and report on this matter should meet and report after the recess."

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Committee is not ready to report. The Committee has the matter under consideration.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) moved that the Committee be dissolved and the Council proceed with the business before it.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) would like to know if a member can fix a time when a committee must work?

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) proposed that the vote be taken on his motion by ballot.

5th Appointed Member Lunney, 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming), 3 Appointed Member Armstrong and 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) seconded the member's proposal.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Nordby) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am against having the institution on the Cay, and therefore I will not vote for it.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) read Par. 11 of the Rules of Business where it relates to the manner in which legislative matters are treated and said:—This is unjust, and if this is the way the Council is going to regard