

posed of three members, one of whom shall be appointed by the Colonial Council, one by the local Red Cross Chapter, and one by the Governor. The Governor shall name the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the said Commission. The members shall be appointed for a period of two years.

3. The Library Commission shall make all rules and regulations for the conducting and maintaining of the Public Libraries and shall have full power to expend for said purpose such funds as may from time to time be received by it.

4. The Library Commission shall submit to the Governor annually on 30 June a report of its activities for the fiscal year, including receipts and disbursements of all funds received and expended during the year.

Introduced by Government.

It was put to the vote and carried that the matter be furthered today.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] remarked Mr. Chairman. Mr. Moran, the representative of the association is present and if the Council desires to hear what he has in mind he is willing to address the Council.

Mr. Moran was given the word and addressed the Council as follows: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Council, It may be well to give you back ground for the establishing of the Red Cross Libraries in this island. As you know the Red Cross has been very active, the Junior Chapter made a big contribution and we learned through the school authorities of the need of libraries in these islands and I brought that to the attention of the Association and the result was that five hundred books were sent down to the Director of Education. The Association is willing to send books and will train native girls in modern methods.

The purpose now is to rent buildings for the libraries; a lady will be sent down and her time will be spent according to suggestions made by the Commission which is to be appointed, but before she comes she would like to know that there will be trained people to take care of the libraries. I am willing to answer any question that may be asked on the matter. I thank you Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members this matter, as placed before you by Government, is an ordinance and must be treated as an ordinance. It is now before you on 1st Discussion.

No one requesting the word the Chairman closed 1st Discussion.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] remarked: Mr. Chairman. So far as this Municipality is concerned this is a gift; there is no funds to be appropriated by the passage of this ordinance. We have a representative here who would like to know what this Council is going to do and his time is limited; if this matter goes over another week he may be gone, I therefore move that 2nd Discussion come on today.

The members proposal was put to the vote.

13 voted for; none against.

Government having given consent 2nd Discussion closed.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] remarked: Mr Chairman. There seems to be no expression of opinion as to whether we should have these libraries here or not; they certainly would be additions to our island and we should be thankful for the offer.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District [Fleming] remarked, Mr. Chairman. I believe the libraries will be a great help to the island, but wouldn't the renting of the houses in which to establish these libraries be an expense to the community.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town [Coulter] remarked: Mr. Chairman. I think the members of this Council ought to realize that there is being offered to the community by the Red Cross a gift which this community is badly in need of. I don't think we should hesitate to pass all the discussions on this matter today and before the vote is taken the Council should give a vote of thanks for the valuable offer.

5th Appointed Member [Luaney] concurred in the words spoken by the last speaker and furthermore said, -The Red Cross is doing very good work for these islands; it is really worth the while to go to the hospital and see there the good work that is being done. We should be exceedingly thankful to the Red Cross for what they are doing for us.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) proposed a vote of thanks to the Red Cross.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) proposed and it was put to the vote and carried that 2nd discussion be closed.

2nd Discussion closed.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) Did not see why it was necessary to put this matter before the Council.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] in reply to the last speak said, The Red Cross cannot establish libraries here without having some one to take care of them. Furthermore the member moved that 3rd Discussion come on today.

It was put to the vote and carried that 3rd Discussion come on today.

Government having given consent 3rd Discussion opened.

3rd member for Christiansted Country District [Robt. W. Skeoch] We should support with all our hearts the measure for establishing the libraries here.

No one requesting the word further, the Chairman closed 3rd Discussion, the Secretary (Canegata) read the bill and the Chairman put same to the vote.

15 members voted for; one did not vote.

The Chairman remarked: The ordinance is adopted and goes to Government

1st Member for Christiansted Town

[Abramson] again moved the Chairman and Secretary of the Council draft and forward a letter of thanks to the Red Cross for their munificent gift.

The member's proposal was unanimously adopted.

[To be continued].

We have been asked to mention that a Memorial Service for the late Revd. M. Wolter will be held at Friedensthal Moravian Church at 7.30 to-morrow evening.

In reprinting letter to Mr. C. Lawaetz from this paper of 13th. instant. West End News misquotes us as saying that the price of milk will sink to 3-3/13 cents with an exchange of 50%. We wrote 5%.

A notice is published in this issue inviting public participation in discussing the advisability of one or two judges in the Virgin Islands, and whether it is preferable to have a local court of appeal within reach of all, or an appeal court at Philadelphia. See notice in another column.

The Creole arrived here this morning with St. Thomas mails.

The Guiana arrived at Frederiksted this a. m. from New York.

The Deputy Collector of Customs for Frederiksted is now advised as Mr. C. Daniel, who is expected to arrive there today.

With reference to the price charged for condensed milk to which allusion was made yesterday, it is now possible to say that a careful investigation does not disclose any attempt to overcharge for the article. One of the leading merchants has shown by his invoice that he paid \$18 for a case of 48 tins of Borden's condensed milk in Frederiksted and it is also a fact that he is retailing it at 40 cents a tin which by no means admits of even a fair profit. The brand in question is Magnolia and the same as that of which the calculation was made by our contributor in yesterday's issue. When milk can be imported direct from the States or Porto Rico the benefit of the lower price will be given, we are advised.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

May 14, 1920.

On Wednesday evening at Government House Governor Oman gave a farewell stag dinner in honor of Captain William Russel White, U. S. Navy, who leaves for the States early next week. Covers were laid for twenty-four guests, among whom were included the Governor's staff, officers attached to the Naval Station and several civilians from St. Thomas and St. Croix.