

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR
THE WEEK ENDED MARCH 26, 1921.

Mr. Elias Francis, No. 7 Water Gut,
Mr. Joseph E. Francis,
Eleazer Franklin,
Mrs. Higgins Union Hall,
Mary Lewis,
Miss Elen Marquoe,
Miss Jane McEvilly, No. 23 King St.,
Miss Matilda Nicholas,
Mr. Joshua Ramsey, 32 Queen Cross
Street,

Mr. Ludvic Renardis,
Miss Alberteana Simmons,
Isaac Stephens, Jr.,
Anita Thompson,
Mr. Abraham Sweeney,
Albertina Webb,
Mr. Uzziah Williams,
Miss Ioinee Wygor,
United States Post Office, Christian-
sted, V. I., March 28, 1921.

B. R. LARSEN,
Postmaster.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COLONIAL COUNCIL
FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town
(Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman.
I don't want to oppose the Honorable
last Speaker, but I want to protest to
one remark he made, and that is where
he spoke of class legislation. Although
this ordinance bears the signature of 1st
Member for Frederiksted Country Dis-
trict (Andersen) every one of us here in
this Council is responsible for it. I for
one will not tolerate such a thing as class
legislation as long as I am a member of
this Council. The statement is unfair,
I protest.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country
District (Andersen) remarked: Mr.
Chairman. I quite agree with 4th Ap-
pointed Member (Blackwood) that it is
very desirable to have all the roads in
the island put in good order, but we can-
not afford it at the present. The center
line road is the one road which most of
the people use every day and it is in such
a condition that it needs first attention.
I also agree with the Honorable Member
in regard to the desirability of avoiding
heavy additional taxation for this purpose,
but I do not agree with him that this is
class legislation.

The automobile tax provided for in
Section 4 is really not a very large one
and the only taxation provided for in
this ordinance.

A good road across the island would be
of great benefit to all the people living in
the two towns as well, it would enable

them living in the Christiansted end of
the island to transport goods eventually
landed in Frederiksted on motor trucks
across the island without too great ex-
pense.

The machinery used for building the
road we expect will remain on the island
and be put in use later on the other pub-
lic roads in the island all the way up the
northside.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood)
remarked: Mr. Chairman. I quite agree
with what 1st Member for Frederiksted
Country District has said with regard
to the materials, but not the expenses.
You will find a great deal of macadamiz-
ed roads all over the United States. I
believe if macadam is put on the roads
and rolled with a heavy roller we would
have good roads, and the cost of main-
tenance would be less. Some years ago I
put on the roads mule wagons to draw
cane from the different estates; some
criticized the idea and said it would
damage the roads, but now the same
class of wagons are proving to be good
road makers instead of road break-
ers. We have been talking about
roads for some years, I have always
been in favor of good roads, but let us
have good roads all over the island.
All the tax payers will agree to have
all the roads put in good condi-
tion rather than build the center line
road with concrete. Gentlemen I am not
opposing this proposition for personal
reasons, I am opposing because of the
conditions existing. If every one of us
would work for the benefit of the com-
munity I feel sure we would be doing a
great deal of good towards the uplifting
of the island.

5th Appointed Member (Lunney) re-
marked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to make
a brief remark on the bill which is now
before us. This is nothing new; it has
been coming forward year after year.
Today we are having heavy traffic on
the roads, more automobiles are in use
on the island and the cry is better roads.
The member read Par. 28 of the Road
Ordinance of 1884 regarding roads in St.
Croix and said, —We had different traffic
in the olden days. If we are to pro-
gress at all we must live up to modern
ideas and principles; we have instances
today, some of the factories are re-
placing their old machinery with new.
If we find that our roads are not mod-
ern, we should do away with them and
have good modern roads. It is for that
reason we are trying to establish a mod-
ern center line.

A remark was made that we are not
acquainted with the building of con-
crete roads. The Public Works Officer
and Mr. Sorensen went to Porto Rico
to consult with contractors and to
find out what is required; the contrac-
tors promised to come, but they never
did; that fell through. We had a
meeting here in the Council Hall, and
it was proposed to have a contrac-

tor come down from the States, up to
now he has not come. Since that it was
proposed to have a concrete road on the
center line, that fell through also; it
was also proposed to get a stone crusher
and a road roller and when it arrived
the public could take it over, the whole
proposition fell through. I wish mem-
bers would understand how the matter
stands today. With regard to the amount
necessary to build the concrete road and
the maintenance thereof, Mr. Pettigrew
says that one hundred dollars will keep
one hundred feet of road. If we were
to have the road rebuilt with concrete, I
myself would be glad because it would
be less trouble for me. The squatters
are complaining that they are having
great difficulties in transporting their
cane to the factories. I feel that we
should make every effort to have better
roads on the island for the benefit of all.

The Road Department, since these is-
lands were ceded to the United States
Government, has taken great interest in
the roads. With reference to repairs
that have been done to the roads, the re-
pairs done were within the limit of the
amount we had on hand at that time. I
think, as already stated, it would be best
to appoint a committee to consider the
question which is before us today. It is
not long since the former Public Works
Officer tried to bring in a new road ordi-
nance as the old ordinance has served its
purpose, and the general outcome was
to await the decision as to reconstruction
of the Center Line Road.

1st Member for Frederiksted Coun-
try District (Andersen) remarked: Mr.
Chairman. Just one thing I forgot
to mention. With regard to the old
ordinance, the Road Commission has
been holding back to see what would
be done with the center-line. It would
be erroneous to think that those on the
center-line would be relieved of their
road allotment. I recommend a com-
mittee of five members to receive and
report on the bill.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood)
remarked: Mr. Chairman. I was told
that those on the center-line would be
relieved from their road allotment, but
I have just learnt that they will not be.
I claim that the foundations of our roads
are good, and the tax-payers should
agree to have good macadamized roads
all over the island; if that is done, a
considerable amount of money would be
saved.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country
District (Nordby) remarked: Mr. Chair-
man. To give an idea of what it would
cost to keep our road in order I wish
to state that I spent three hundred and
fifty or three hundred and sixty dollars
in labor alone to put my road in order.
If a concrete road were to be built I
do not believe it would cost that much.
In regard to road rollers in the States
and every where else, good materials
have to be used on the roads so as to