

CARD OF THANKS.

The Daughters and Sons of Mrs. Rosalind Hill gratefully thank all for the various tokens of sympathy, manifested during her illness and demise.

SARAH & LEONARD HILL.
Frederiksted, St. Croix, 17 July 1923.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COLONIAL COUNCIL
FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman I don't want to be used by any Head of a Department to speak. I speak here from my convictions. I happened to be called on the Municipal Committee to substitute the Honorable Chairman of the Council who is sick. We visited the different institutions and we found out what required immediate attention and what could be put off for some future time. We visited the schools also. I have a good deal of data in connection with the schools of this island, all of which I have collected for future use. I don't want to speak on the Education Department today. Believe me, if I furnish data regarding the School Department, this Council will agree with me that the department could do more than it is doing today.

As regards remarks made by the Honorable 5th Appointed Member touching the education of the children I do not believe he is more interested than I am. I would be willing to vote twenty thousand francs more for that department if I were sure that it was going to be used for the purpose for which it was appropriated. The Honorable Member tries to make it look as if he is the only one having an interest in the people of this island.—It would be interesting to know what the Honorable Member has written on the piece of paper sent to him from outside and which he has just slipped under his papers.

The items under the Education Department were put to the vote as amended by the Municipal Committee.

9 members voted for; none against.

Public Libraries as budgeted: No remarks.

Put to the vote. 12 members voted for; none against.

The Public Works Department. Salaries:

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) brought in amendment which reads as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
to Municipal Committee's amendments to Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924.

Under Public Works Department, sub-item 49- Salaries. Change "Clerk, Frs. 2,169" to "Clerk, Frs. 3,000."

D. HAMILTON JACKSON.

1st Mem. for Frederiksted Town.

June 27, 1923.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I repeat the remarks I made a while ago.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I do not believe that the Municipal Committee will have any objection to the amendment proposed by the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town. Last year the Municipal Committee reduced salaries 10% and there was some dispute on this particular item. My view point is this: I don't think the employees in the various departments should be salaried. I feel that the office should be salaried. I think the clerk in the Public Works Department receives the smallest salary on the whole budget. He is down here for \$36 per month. In the course of conversation with the Public Works Officer he said he would like to have a well salaried clerk. I personally have no objection to the amendment.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I made some investigation in this matter and I fully endorse the remarks of the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town that the salary of the Clerk of the Public Works Department be raised to \$50.00 per month.

The amendment was put to the vote.

10 Members voted for; none against.

Maintenance Public Works Department.

The Vice-Chairman read an amendment brought in by the 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) which is as follows:

Frederiksted, St. Croix, V. I. U. S.
June 25th 1923.

The Honorable Chairman, Colonial Council, Municipality of St. Croix,

Sir:

I hereby request that under item 51 of Maintenance for the Public Works Department on the Budget from July 1st 1923 to June 30th 1924 there be added to the sum of Francs 10,000.00 budgetted for Street Lighting for Christiansted the sum of Francs 8,781.00 making a total of Francs 18,781.00; and, further, that under the same item 51 there be added to the sum of Francs 7,500.00 budgetted for Street Lighting for Frederiksted the

sum of Francs 6,525.00 making a total of Francs 14,025.00.

THOS. RAMSAY.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) in introducing the amendment said: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I am not quite prepared to speak on the amendment which I have now introduced, because it was originally intended to have it introduced by Mr. K. Henderson, but this gentleman not having been re-appointed to the Council I was requested to do so.

It is the desire of ninety percent of the people of Frederiksted to have the lights on the streets burn all night. I cannot speak for Christiansted as the Honorable 5th Appointed Member has promised to speak on the amendment on behalf of the people of Christiansted. I hope Honorable Members will support me for Frederiksted. It is left to the members of Christiansted to do the same for their town.

5th Appointed Member (Mc Intosh) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I do not intend to make a lengthy speech on this amendment. The Honorable Member for Christiansted Country District has already spoken for Frederiksted Town so I just want to say that we have as much need for the lights all night in Christiansted. I recommend the amendment to the favorable consideration of the Council.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I certainly will not vote for this amendment, because it is not an item that is necessary. I would like to know from the Honorable Proponent of the amendment what is the real necessity for having the lights burn all night. I am certainly in favor of more lights, but not to have them burn all night. How many persons are out on the streets all night? In our back streets we have total darkness. We certainly need more lights in the two towns, but there is no necessity to have them burn all night.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman I certainly agree with the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town that we need more lights in the town of Frederiksted, but I disagree with him that there is no necessity for the lights all night. It is between twelve o'clock midnight and dawn most of the robberies are committed in Frederiksted. This amendment is proposed for the safety of the people. The Honorable Member knows nothing of the atrocities that are committed in Frederiksted. Let him come and live in Frederiksted for six months and he will be convinced. I happened to be in the United States and atrocities are committed day and night there. Honorable Members I ask you to