

tiansted Town (Canegata), 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) and 3rd Member for Frederik Country District (Curry).

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) was absent.

The Despatching Secretary (C. E. Rap-polee) was present.

The Secretary not being present the Assistant Secretary acted as Secretary.

The Colonial Council was opened with the following prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Pigott:

Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee as for the people of this Island in general; so especially for their representatives in Council assembled, that Thou would'st be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the glory and welfare of Thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us all for generations.

This we humbly ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Chairman announced that he had received a letter of excuse from 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Jessen) notifying his inability to attend meeting today, and continuing said:

The minutes of the last meeting have been published in the "Avis", the first part on Saturday and the last part today, and if there are no objections to be made, I will consider them tacitly adopted.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) would like to have the last part of the minutes read.

The Assistant Secretary read the minutes.

The Chairman remarked: Gentlemen, you have all seen the minutes as published and heard them read, are there any remarks to be made?

There being no further remarks, the minutes were tacitly adopted.

We will now proceed with the Order of the Day.

Item 1.

Production of Minutes of the Municipal Committee for the quarter ending December 31, 1921, forwarded by the Chairman of the Committee for inspection of Members of the Council.

and continuing said: Honorable members are aware that the minutes of the Municipal Committee will be placed in the Colonial Council Office where they can be inspected any day during office hours.

I have to report to the Council that the report of the Labor Committee appointed by the Governor some months ago, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by this Council and which report Council voted to have printed, I have tried in Porto Rico to get it printed and find that it would be just as cheap to have it done here in St. Croix. I had hoped

to have it ready for this meeting, but it is a rather difficult piece of work, having so many rubrics, etc., that it could not be finished in time. However I hope it will be ready in a short time.

We will now proceed with Item 2 on the Order of the Day.

Colonial Council Bill No. 14.

Continuation of 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 14, Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming), providing for the repairing and rolling of the Centerline Road.

I have to announce that at a Committee whole House meeting last Monday a committee of five members was balloted for which resulted in the following being elected: 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) received 15 votes, 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) received 14 votes, 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) received 13 votes, 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) received 7 votes and 3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Skeoch) received 7 votes.

I think the right thing for this house to do is to ratify that vote today after discussions have taken place.

Is it the desire of the house to cast a fresh ballot or accept those balloted for last Monday.

5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) proposed putting it to the vote and adopting it as it stands.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) said, I think it quite unnecessary to do all that. We made an arrangement on that day and we should stick to that arrangement today.

The Chairman stated that the matter was under first discussion.

(To be continued.)

St. Thomas News

BODY OF BOATMAN FOUND

The body of Victor Jacobs, boatman of No 2 ferry-boat, who was missing since the night of the 20th, was found floating about 25 feet south west of Hotel America yesterday morning.

The body which was found to be intact save for a part of the face,—around one of the eyes, which was eaten by fishes—was taken to the Municipal Hospital where upon examination a verdict of death from natural cause was given.

—St. Thomas Bulletin, Feb. 23rd.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Tokio, Feb. 23rd.—Disorders broke out in Tokio this evening in connection with demonstrations in favour of the extension of the suffrage. By nine o'clock tonight a total of fifty arrests had been

made, and one hundred persons had been more or less injured by police reserves.

London, Feb. 23rd.—Sir Eric Geddes, former First Lord of the Admiralty, and later Minister of transportation as the first holder of that newly created office, formally resigned his seat in the House of Commons today. Sir Eric Geddes latest notable activity was as head of the economy committee appointed to find a means of clipping 100,000,000 pounds from the national expenditure, which reported recently recommendations which would account for a more than three quarters of this sum, some of the suggested ways of saving being through reductions of 50,000 officers and men in the army and 35,000 officers and men in the navy. The British Admiralty took exception to the Geddes committee's recommendations, as being based on a serious misconception of the character and requirements of the British naval organization.

London, Feb. 23rd.—By Canadian Press. The cost of London's education is illustrated by the fact that the county council committee has agreed to an estimated expenditure for 1922-23 of over 12,000,000 pounds.

London, Feb. 23rd.—Preparations for Princess Mary's Wedding are going forward with the greatest expectancy of a gala ceremony. It is reported today that Queen Alexandra is seriously ill at Marlborough House, she had been in delicate health for some time and any turn for the worse will interrupt the plans for the wedding, or even defer it.

London, Feb. 23rd.—Mr. Lloyd George will meet M. Poincare either at Boulogne or Calais for their private and informal discussion of questions relating to the Genoa conference and the proposed Anglo-French pact, it was announced today. Mr. Lloyd George will leave London on Saturday for the conference. No members of either the British or French Cabinet nor any experts will be present at the conference.

Ottawa, Feb. 23rd.—Jamaica may be enabled to enter Vancouver as a competitor of Fiji with her raw sugar, and British Columbia exporters of fish, flour, and lumber will be granted access to the West Indian markets, according to a report received by the commercial intelligence branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce from trade commissioner G. R. Stevens of Jamaica. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Coy. Ltd., Mr. Stevens says, is considering making Kingston a port of call on its British Columbia United Kingdom service.

Ottawa, Feb. 23rd.—The Dominion Government has entered into negotiations with the Australian Govt. looking to preferential trade between Canada and Australia, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, made this statement today when replying to the delegation from the Canadian Manufacturers Association: