

The Chairman remarked: The minutes for the last meeting of the Council have been published as customary in the "St. Croix Avis" and if members have no objection I will consider same tacitly adopted, but before that is done I wish to correct my remarks with regards to the absence of the Chaplain. The Chaplain was present at the last meeting, but as there was no quorum he left and shortly after he left the meeting was called to order and adjourned for want of a quorum.

There being no objection the Chairman declared the minutes as published tacitly adopted.

The Chairman then brought up item 1 of the Order of the day.

Item 1.

Examination of Patent of Election of 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Nelthropp.)

The elected Member was present and had been in his patent of election.

In conformity with par 2 of the Rules of Business 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District was appointed Speaker, after the Patent was examined the Speaker declared that it was in order. Said Patent was then handed to the Chairman who declared that the Member was entitled to sit and vote in the Council.

The Member thereupon took his seat and as he had been a member of the Council before it was not necessary for him to sign the oath prescribed in Par-47 of the Colonial Law.

Item 2.

Discussion on Government's letter of 15th July, 1921

The Chairman remarked: As members are aware we have no precedent in regard to this matter. I draw attention to the last part of the communication at Government requests to be advised by the Council as to the names of the members of the Council affected by this legislation and the seats which thereby automatically become vacant. Before discussion is opened on this matter I would like to hear from members as to the best method of procedure. I suggest that we have but one discussion on this matter.

There was no motion to the contrary, consequently the Chairman's suggestion that there be one discussion on this matter was adopted.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander): I wish to ask the Government Secretary whether this Act passed by Congress debars a person who owes allegiance to a foreign country to vote for a member of this Council? At the last election a few of them voted.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL.

The Clyde Liner "Pulwico" sailed

from this port for St. Kitts at 12.30 p. m. yesterday.

It is learned that owing to the disorderly conduct of a number of people, principally minors, who crowd the post office on busy days, squabbling and haranguing for hours at a time, the postmaster was forced to seek the kind cooperation of the Police in preserving order in the interest of good postal service and for the safety and convenience of the public in transacting postal business. This explains the presence of a policeman on the premises during the busy hours yesterday to which is due the peaceable and prompt expediting of a large number of patrons during the general delivery of a heavy mail. This is certainly a splendid arrangement and is much appreciated by the patrons of the post office.

The theatre was simply packed last night at the exhibition of the 8 reel drama "Tarzan of the Apes." This film was found to be one of a higher standard than the average presented at our local popular place of amusement, and appears to have fully satisfied the spectators. The conclusion was probably somewhat disappointing as it was heard remarked after the show, the last reel terminating with the discovery of Tarzan in Africa but not showing his return to England nor the claiming of his inheritance. The preceding features, however, fully compensated for the omission of these final details.

The British three-masted schooner W. Hatteny from St. Andrews, Fla., with a cargo of lumber arrived here yesterday consigned to Messrs. R. L. Merwin & Co., Inc. In attempting to enter the harbor without the pilot, the ship went aground near the Round Reef but was subsequently floated and safely brought to anchorage.

NEWS NOTES.

Mr. C. E. Rappolee, Lieutenant, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy, arrived on the island last Thursday, coming from St. Thomas on the Vixen, to take up the duties of Despatching Secretary in succession to Ensign C. W. Fox, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy, who has been transferred to other duty at St. Thomas.

Mr. Fox accompanied his successor and will remain here for about a week aiding Mr. Rappolee in getting together the threads of departmental work on the island. Under the pilotage of Mr. Fox, the new Despatching Secretary already has made the acquaintance of many of our people and of the topography of St. Croix and confesses to a very strongly favorable impression as regards both the island and its people. Moreover, he expresses himself as desirous of lending

a hand in the upbuilding of all the social and material interests of St. Croix, to the end that it may take its rightful place as one of the most productive and attractive regions under the Stars and Stripes.

The official tenure of office by Mr. Fox will cease with his departure for St. Thomas on Wednesday the 17th. •

We thank the Native Brass Band for the fine concert rendered on Sunday evening. As the only active musical organization at present in Christiansted for giving public concerts their music is very much appreciated. We hope to have a lively concert before the moonlight goes. —Com.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Dublin, Aug. 12th.—The letter from Mr. De Valera, delivered to Mr. Lloyd George yesterday, is neither an acceptance nor a rejection of the Irish peace proposals, it was learned here today. The letter raises various questions to which an answer is necessary. The answer may serve to facilitate future dealings, it was said, and is not expected to lead to a break in negotiations.

Washington, Aug. 12th.—Putting into definite terms its proposals for a disarmament conference the United States has invited the Great Powers to unite in a practical effort to remove the causes of misunderstanding and so facilitate a reduction of the world's enormous outlay for the materials of war. In formal notes of invitation forwarded to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, the United States Govt. pledges its own unstinted cooperation in such an effort and further defines its own conception of the principles involved.

London, Aug. 15th.—The whole British delegation of the Allied Supreme Council will return to London tomorrow, according to a press despatch to Reuter's late this afternoon. The despatch said this action was due to today's developments in the Irish situation. An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Paris, received about the same time, said the decision was due to a deadlock in the deliberations of the Allied Supreme Council. The Reuter's despatch said it was rumoured in French circles that the reply of Eamon De Valera to Mr. Lloyd George's Irish proposals meant a grave crisis.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 11th.—Rain today prevented the Australian and Denmark tennis teams meeting at Mayfield County Club in the first two singles of the semi-final round of the Davis cup tennis series, thus the matches will continue through Sunday instead of winding up on Saturday. Today's card will be played tomorrow, Tegner, Denmark, playing peach of Australia, and Ingerslev of Denmark meeting Andersen of Australia.