

of the American laws. Others are making great progress under the same laws on the Continent and I see no reason why we should not make progress under the same laws.

The Chairman remarked: I have before me the budget for 1919-20 and there the salary of the Director is not budgetted; in the budget which will come before you for 1920-21, under Department of Education the budgetted salaries begin with salary for the Assistant Director of Education; therefore the salary of the Director of Education is not budgetted, his salary will be paid by the Federal Government.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The salary of the Director of Education is in Section 2 of Chapter II of the code before us for Francs 15,000. I don't think the Council should vote on that.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am inclined to think that the Director of Education has never received a check on the Federal Treasury for his salary, a check is always given him by the Government's Secretary for his salary and that is taken out of a fund; I think it would be better if this Council would state what his salary should be.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have faith that the Government has the economical affairs of this Island at heart just as much as the Council, and therefore feel safe in leaving it to the Government to decide.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] remarked: Mr. Chairman. It would be of greater importance to this Council if we would do something to improve conditions in our Educational Department than think of what salaries should be paid. There is need of improvement in our schools and we want discipline in the schools; I am not on the Educational Board, but I can judge from a scholar I have at home who is now attending the High School. Wherever the United States goes improvements are made in the Educational Departments, that is not down here yet. We are voting large sums of money and something should be done towards improving the Educational system of these islands.

The Chairman then proceeded to call the sections with the following remarks:

Section 1 no remarks.

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The Chairman would like to know if 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] wishes to bring in an amendment to this section.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] answered no, and furthermore said, I don't think it necessary, all I wish to say is, I do not think the Council has any right to vote on anything it has nothing to do with.

No further remarks on that section.

Section 2 (a) to (i) no remarks.

Section 3

The Chairman remarked: This section has been revised by the Committee and you have their report before you. The Committee's suggestion was adopted and the Ordinance presented to you has that change in it.

Chapter III

Section 1 no remarks.

2 no remarks.

No further remarks the Chairman closed 2nd Discussion on the Bill.

The Chairman then gave a recess of 20 minutes.

[To be continued].

It is understood that the chairman of the Food Commission has resigned that auspicious post.

To Correspondent Mr. H. C. Bryan: Space compels the postponement of publication of your letter which will appear in tomorrow's issue.

"West End News" of yesterday reports a lock-out in the fish industry in Frederiksted and views the situation brought about thereby as a serious one. So West End is in for lock-out in fish, like Christiansted is in milk. This town, however, is weathering the storm well, and what at first appeared an insurmountable condition is proving a means of inuring the community to difficulties. It is understood here that the fishermen of Frederiksted object to having all fish sold by weight upon the ground that some fish are lighter than others, and they would, therefore, propose special higher rates for the lighter grades. In other words, the fishermen think the buyer gets too much for his money when he purchases the light fish and secures more bulk than weight. At the present price of fish it appears that the fishermen ought to be satisfied, the advantage of selling by weight being unmistakably in their favour in many instances.

Attention is invited to a contribution in this issue concerning the price of condensed milk. Assuming that the figures are correct, it would really appear that the local retail price of condensed milk is rather steep. Under the circumstances where condensed milk is of necessity taking the place of fresh milk, it might be the proper thing to have this article included among the items for which the Food Commission fixes prices. It is hardly equitable toward the Dairy that fresh milk shall be controlled at a certain figure and the price of prepared milk given free scope in the former's absence from the market.

Anniversary

To-morrow, May 15th, 1920 the Native Brass Band of Christiansted will celebrate its 11th Anniversary. As we all know the work of piloting this Band through 11 years of usefulness to the community has not been an easy one,

the road sometimes being very hilly. This Band has at present many members in the United States of America, who went away at different times, and are still following the musical profession, some even making their living by the music learned under its young bandmaster, for which these young men have recently expressed their gratitude by letters to the effect. As lovers of native enterprises we think it our duty to subscribe this short note as a token of appreciation.

As this event dawns upon us it recalls to our minds the great Crusian sportsman and late manager of the Band, Mr. Frank A. Cruse, who is gone but not forgotten. He was responsible for putting new life in old Santa Cruz many times when everything else seemed dead. All honor to his memory. As we close, our BEST WISHES are extended to Bandmaster Jackson and his faithful members for a long and useful career in the musical world.—Nil desperandum boys.

FRIENDS.

Christiansted, St. Croix,
May 13, 1920.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Allow me space in your valued paper to make a few remarks in connection with the death of Rev. Wolter.

Amidst a large gathering of friends we laid to rest the remains of Rev. Wolter, who was summoned on the 12th inst., to give up his earthly responsibilities and to take up his intercourse with God forever and join the Heavenly Throng. We think I hear the Angelic Band, singing the welcome song:—

Servant of God well done,
Rest from thy loved employ.
The Battle fought,
The Victory won,
Receive thy Crown with Joy.

Respectfully yours,

A. C. BOUGH.

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS THE EATING OF IT.

Cost of 1 box, 48 tins, Borden's Condensed Milk in Porto Rico.....\$12.00

Cost of importation, not more than..... 70

21% premium on American money of \$12.70..... 2.67

\$15.37

Average cost per tin...32 cents.
Price charged in Christiansted 45 cents; profit 13 cents per tin, or 40 %, twenty percent more than permitted by the rules of the Food Ordinance. Considering the hundreds of tins of milk being sold in these days, there is little loophole for saying the public is not paying through their nose for it. Will the Food Commission fix a fair price for condensed milk now that cow milk is supplanted by it?

OLD COOK.