

music, had to disperse on account of unfavorable weather.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Many of the teachers are now spending their vacation period visiting friends and relatives in different places. Miss Brookes and Miss Ladoo have gone to Antigua, Mr. Rivera and Mr. Bofill have returned to Porto Rico, Mr. & Mrs. Benedict have been spending their vacation in Frederiksted, Mr. Markce has been spending his vacation in Christiansted, Miss Bailey and Miss King have gone to St. Thomas. Miss Kees has gone to the States and Mr. Amadeo I. Francis is representing the Virgin Islands Education Association at the National Convention at Washington, D. C.

Miss Jane Guit, Mr. Philemon Stridiron and Miss Edith Williams, teachers from St. Thomas, are spending a few days visiting friends and relatives in St. Croix.

Many requests have been made by people asking what the Department of Education has done toward contributing to the Rochester Exhibition. Many articles were selected from each school from both the Domestic Science and Manual Training Departments and sent to St. Thomas to be forwarded with St. Thomas' collection for the Exhibition. The Manual Training Department contributed a writing desk and a rocking chair, the Domestic Science Department contributed several pieces of fancy work and some preserves. All of these contributions were made by the pupils.

The Manual Training and Domestic Science Departments netted close to \$175.00 from the sales of materials at the exhibition. This money has been turned over to the Colonial Treasury. All of the materials, however, have not as yet been sold or otherwise we would have been able to turn in considerably more.

School will reopen on August the 11th.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE CHRISTIANSTED POST OFFICE.

I am going away from you for a short time, probably not more than 60 days. This absence is not the mere availing myself of vacation which is undoubtedly a very desirable thing we all should have now and then, but it is chiefly due to the fact that I need some relaxation of the tension under which I have labored many years without timely warning of the inroad that was being made on my health. I trust to gain new strength and vigor to return and so enhance my feeble efforts to serve you that we shall all be the better off for my having gone. During my stay on the mainland I shall be keenly alive to embracing every opportunity of advancing my experience in the postal service with the view to putting it to good account here. Indeed, my sincere purpose, and I consider it no

more than my duty, has always been to do what I could to improve and perfect the postal service in Christiansted, and I hope to have the pleasure of continued activity along that line. In small towns like this, the postal service brings its workers into specially close touch with the general public so that we soon know everyone, soon learn to understand their various needs, and characteristics, and to meet them as far as possible, establishing thereby a relationship that, to me at least, is a strong bond of fellowship. Therefore, in paying my first visit to the States which throws up a distance of some 1500 miles between us, I feel really sad to go even though I look forward to pleasures awaiting me. In the past few days I have been greatly moved by the many tokens of goodwill, the kind expressions and the good wishes which have poured in from patrons of the post office, for the most part people whose acquaintance I have formed and with whom a natural kind regard has sprung up purely through business intercourse. I do appreciate it immensely and wish to say to one and all, to the very humblest, that it is heartily reciprocated. I flatter myself into supposing that it indicates that the service and of the post office has been all right; I hope it will always be so.

Miss Viola Petersen whom you all know will be in charge of affairs during my absence. I know her well enough to feel assured that she is going to do all she can to give service, and that you are all going to be satisfied. Cooperate with her; she will esteem it, and be encouraged.

Sincerely

B. R. LARSEN, P. M.

Christiansted, July 18, 1924.

NATIVE ISLAND BAND WILL TOUR AMERICA.

The tom-tom and battle whoop are not the only musical notes that drop upon the unsophisticated ear of the native of the Virgin and Guantanamo islands, as Washingtonians will learn when a seventy-piece native navy band arrives here on a concert tour shortly.

The bands will visit the leading cities in the United States, according to an announcement from the office of Secretary of the Navy Wilbur. This is being done as a means of bringing the islands to the attention of the American people, it was pointed out.

Naval officials said the band would reach Hampton Roads, July 12, on the U.S.S. Henderson. — *Washington Times*, July 5th.

The Secretary of the Navy has authorized the Governor of the Virgin Islands to send the Virgin Island's Band and the Guantanamo Band to the United States for a series of public concerts in the vicinity of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk. The Bands will play

only at public concerts, and under no circumstances at places to which admission will be charged. The Navy Department is to be put to no expense for this visit except that the Band will be based on the Receiving Ships for quarters and messing.

The purpose of the visit is to bring the Virgin Islands to the attention of the people of the United States. Commandants and Commanding Officers concerned are requested to confer with the Officer in Charge of the Band and to assist in arranging for their concerts. — *Army and Navy Journal*, New York, July 5th.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Buenos Aires, July 16th.—A complete censorship appears to have been put into effect on news from Rio de Janeiro and Santos, on the rebellion in the state of São Paulo, Brazil. The United Press staff correspondent is informed that further messages will not be sent from Santos where the military authorities are in complete control following the declaration of martial law.

New York, July 16th.—The Goldstein, world's bantamweight champion, successfully defended his title in a tame uninteresting 15 round exhibition against Charles Ledoux of France here tonight. Goldstein knocked Ledoux to the floor twice, but could not produce a finishing punch. Goldstein was awarded the unanimous decision on points. The crowd a scant 5000, booed the exhibition and hissed the decision.

Paris, July 17th.—The reported statement that Colonel Logan, had announced at the opening of the inter-Alleed Conference yesterday that Washington had no objection to United States representative sitting on the Reparation Commission, in the event of its having to deliberate on Germany's defaults, is viewed here as the most important event of the opening session. While certain optimism is not lacking opinion here is guarded as to the prospects for the success of the conference. The Franco-Belgians will have a fight, says the *Petit Parisien*, to ensure that the abandonment of pledges will be compensated by sound guarantees.

New York, July 17th.—Raw sugar was easier today on sales of 30,000 bags of Cubans to a local refiner at 5.02, duty paid, and 10,000 bags Porto Ricans. Shipment for second half July was 5.02, c. f. With only a small trade, the trend of raw sugar futures was mostly downward in sympathy with the lower spot market. Recovering a few points at the close, final prices were 1 to 4 points net lower. July 3.28, September 3.37, December 3.33, March 3.13. Efforts to stimulate business by reducing prices, again were unsuccessful in the refined market, which was quoted from 6.50 to 6.70 for fine granulated. Refined futures were nominal.