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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

Continued from yesterday's Avis

The Chairman remarked: I am Chairman of the Red Cross here in St. Croix and do not consider myself eligible to be a member of the Commission.

11 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected was: 1st Member for Frederiksted Town [Coulter] with 7 votes.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata], 4th Member for Christiansted Country District [Ramsay], and 3rd Member for said District [Robt. W. Skeoch] with 1 vote respectively.

The Chairman then gave a recess of 30 minutes.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) left the meeting during the recess.

Government Secretary Timmons, Dr. Mink, Medical Aid and Mr. Pettigrew, Public Works Officer entered the meeting during the recess.

After recess the Council reassembled and the Chairman asked 3rd Member for

Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) to act as Secretary to the Council.

Accordingly the member took the Chair.

The Chairman then laid before members item 2 of the Order of the Day.

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 36.

2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 36, Draft of proposed Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1st, 1920 to June 30, 1921.

The Chairman remarked: I have just been handed an amendment by Government Secretary Timmons covering the salaries of all the functionaries receiving less than Frs. 75.00 per month; to make it clear I will read the items. The Chairman read the amendment and continuing said,—In short Government has adopted the amendments proposed by the Municipal Committee in toto.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) would like to know where the changes come in under the budget, and whether any change will be made in the Revenue side of it?

The Chairman in reply to the last speaker said,—Any increase in the Budget will have to come from the amount appropriated by Congress.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The reason why I asked the question is, because we hope to carry out an extensive road program this year and we will need some money to help us along, and we intend to propose to budget some money for these road repairs before we pass this budget, and it would be necessary to change the amount under Income Tax unless Government agrees to meet the amount.

The Chairman in reply to the last speaker said, Such a proposal can be brought in by introducing a money bill in the Council.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked: I think it is more appropriate to bring it up before the budget is passed.

Despatching Secretary [Colby] remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have before me copies of the "St. Croix Avis" which gives details of the questions asked by 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) at the last meeting. I will ask Government Secretary Timmons to reply.

Government Secretary Timmons remarked: Mr. Chairman. While it is true that the proposed budget for this fiscal year exceeds the budget for last year, yet this appears to Government to be necessary as the cost of all articles is increased, and further, it is found necessary to expand in some departments.

Revenue Taxes—With regard to Income Tax, Government sees that the estimate on Income Tax is low, but that was made early in the year and it was not known then whether the 28¢ Surtax would be collected or not.

Excise Duty—This was left out, due to the fact, that when the budget was prepared Government did not know whether there would be any excise duty collected, but in any case excise duty will be collected and if not seen on the budget it will be placed in the Treasury all the same.

Richmond Sick House—The amount contributed is in accordance with agreement made with St. Thomas.

Experiment Station—The subsidy will expire this year as you all know and this needs no explanation.

With regard to Dentist for the Municipal Hospitals, the Government believes that the service of the Municipal Dentist is very desirable; the purpose is to have him take care of the children in the schools and the clinic at the Hospitals. He will not be paid full salary, and therefore, will be allowed private practice.

Public Libraries—The remark is astonishing. In all communities a public library is necessary and we believe it is true here; it is left for the Council to decide whether it wants a library or not; it should be borne in mind that only a small amount is to be contributed by this Municipality.

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