

rules can be deviated from for special reasons.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): I want to know why I am voting? What is the real reason for the request? When I hear it I will be prepared to vote.

Government Secretary in reply to the last speaker said,—The reason is, that the Chairman of the Colonial Council, with whom no issue is raised, gave permission to a member to make some remarks. That member in his remarks offered a real hope to the Government; that he had heard a Member say he would vote for the ordinance, and that he himself would vote for it, and if put to a vote it would pass with amendments, possibly not satisfactory to Government, but along lines American in principle.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): I am thankful for the explanation, but I don't think the Government will be satisfied with a snap decision.

Government Secretary (*Gaffney*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. A snap decision stretching over nineteen months does not justify the adjective, "snap".

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): Yes, but the amendments have not been discussed before. The remarks made by the Honorable 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) have some bearing on the question at issue and certain points raised by him are worth while discussing today.

2nd Appointed Member (*Noll*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. My objection is that this Council should not be placed in a false position.

The Chairman put to the vote the request made by Government Secretary (*Gaffney*) as to whether 2nd Discussion should come on today.

Resulting as follows:

For the vote 6.

Against 6.

Consequently the motion was lost.

It was then proposed by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) and carried that in the event of Government not calling an extraordinary meeting before the next Council comes into being the tax ordinance should be considered automatically on the calendar.

The Chairman remarked: The Order of the Day is now exhausted and according to custom I will read the name of the retiring members. They are as follows:

Appointed Members: 1st Appointed Member (K. Henderson), May 10, 1923; 3rd Appointed Member (D. S. Armstrong), May 10, 1923; and 5th Appointed Member (A. R. McIntosh), May 10, 1923.

For Christiansted Town: D. C. Canegata, May 7, 1923.

For Christiansted Country District: Holger Jessen, May 8, 1923; and A. V. Nelthropp May 8, 1923.

For Frederiksted Town: F. Coulter, May 9, 1923.

For Frederiksted Country District: F. Andersen, May 10, 1923, and G. B. Fleming, May 10, 1922.

The Chairman remarked: We have had pleasant association with the members whose names I have just read, and now they are retiring I wish them all success.

There being no further business before the House the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5 o'clock p. m.

OFFICIAL NOTES.

14 May, 1923.

Lieutenant E. J. Goodbody, Medical Corps, U. S. Navy, has been appointed Deputy Clerk of the District Court of the Virgin Islands for Frederiksted's jurisdiction, for notarial purposes only.

LOCAL

We have been informed that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the Wharf tonight in honor of its 14th Anniversary today, on which occasion we extend our congratulations to Bandmaster Jackson and the members of the band. Their services to the public is much appreciated and we wish the band all prosperity.

The funeral of Miss Anita Bishop yesterday afternoon, was well attended by a respectable gathering. Rev. J. C. Pedersen of Frederiksted officiated, and a brief sketch of the life of the deceased, her work in the kindergarten school and in the church where bright hopes were entertained for her and in which she will be greatly missed, was given by Mr. R. McFarlane, clerk of the Lutheran Church, Frederiksted.

The District Court opens in Christiansted at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning and in Frederiksted on Friday morning at the same hour.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Christiansted Theatre last night where a very pretty drama entitled "The Greatest Love" was screened.

Readers are reminded of the show to come off at St. Mary's Hall this evening where we are told a great treat awaits them.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, May 12th.—Jess Willard knocked out Floyd Johnson in 12 rounds. Johnson was carried to his corner at the end of the 11th round and refused to come up for the 12th. Willard pounded Johnson unmercifully, but the capacity of the youngster to take punishment was remarkable. The ex-champions wind was none too good otherwise his condition was all right.

London, May 10th.—More than two hundred members of Parliament will attend a luncheon to be given next Tuesday to Mr. J. P. O'Connor, M. P. in honour of his 85th birthday. The Speaker, Mr. Whitely, will preside and the principal toast will be supported by the leaders of every party now represented at Westminster. "Tay Pay" is one of the few members of Parliament who still take snuff and he will receive a gold snuff box, inscribed "T P", father of the House of Commons, since 1880. A token of affection from his colleagues of all parties.

New York, May 10th.—The raw sugar market was firmer early today and prices were higher, in renewed buying by refiners, with Cubas now established on the basis of 6 1/2 cents, cost and freight, equal to 8.28 for centrifugal, and Porto Rico's on the same level.

Ottawa, May 10th.—If there is a "sugar trust" responsible for increasing prices of this household necessity to Canadian housewives, the special agricultural committee of the Commons, by questioning heads of the sugar industry in Canada intends to learn. The general managers and presidents of five Canadian sugar refineries have been summoned to appear before the committee on Tuesday to give evidence on high sugar prices and their cause and also to produce all their figures showing cost of raw material, manufacture distribution and spreads. The summons has been sent to the following refineries, Acadia, Halifax, Atlantic, Canada, and St. Lawrence, Montreal, and the Dominion Refinery, Wallaceburg, Ontario.

London, May 10th.—The executive of Parliamentary labour party this afternoon sent a telegram to the Russian Soviet Government alluding to the despatch of H. M. S. "Harebell" to the Murman Coast and begging the Soviet Government to refrain from any action "tending to precipitate a resort to force, pending further negotiations on the British ultimatum".

Paris, May 11th.—England won the International Association football match over France here today by a score 4 to 1.

Hull, England, May 11th.—The owners of the Trawler "James Johnson", seizure of which recently occasioned a protest from Great Britain to the Russian Soviet Govt., have received a telegram from the Skipper, Nielsen, stating that he has been released by the Bolsheviks and is now at a Norwegian port expecting to sail homewards.

London, May 11th.—Brevity and incisiveness are the features of Great Britain's newest note to Germany, which now is complete. The document, consisting of two typewritten pages, avoids technical details, points out in simple language the inadequacy from the British viewpoint of Germany's proposals and urges her to try again.