

BOXING NOTICE.

SEE CONTON in his training camp

AT THE

Christiansted Theatre

Tuesday Evening Jan. 10th

AT 8.15 O'CLOCK

In the final he will box six rounds with E Elliott sparring partner.

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY.

PRICES:

Reserved Seats 50c.
General Entrance 25c.

NOTICE.

FROM Sunday 8th inst. Fresh meats will be sold at Steele's Butchery at the following prices viz:

Veal at 14c. pr. lb. for Steak & Roast
" " 12c. " " " Scup & Stew
Pork " 20c. " " "

Christiansted 6th January.

A. STEELE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

The Chairman then brought up the last item on the Order of the Day.

Colonial Council Bill No. 14.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 14, draft of an ordinance, introduced by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming), providing for the repairing and rolling of the Centerline road.

The bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 14

Third Council, First Session, 1921-22.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix.

1. That the sum of Fres. 150,000 is hereby made available for the purpose of repairing and rolling with steam roller the Centerline road between Christiansted and Frederiksted.

2. That out of this sum the Municipality will purchase a steam roller, a stone crusher and a scarifier, the three machines estimated to cost about Fres. 30,000.

3. That the balance of the money i.e., Fres. 120,000 be expended by the Public Works Department for repairing and rolling the Centerline road.

4. That the so called Centerline road may be more particularly defined by the Public Works Officer in cooperation with the Road Commission shall hereafter be a Municipal Highway and shall hereafter be kept in repair at public expense under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

5. Roadholders who in consequence hereof will be exempt from road work on the Centerline shall receive proportionate allotments in accordance with law on other Public Roads in the island.

6. That, as early as convenient after the adoption and approval of this Ordinance, new road allotments be made in proportion to the acreage of each estate, irrespective of the state of cultivation of the estate.

7. To provide for the maintenance, repair and upkeep of this highway there shall be levied, assessed and collected by the Government from and after January 1, 1922, the following annual fees which shall be payable on July 1.:

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| (a) For passenger carrying automobiles not exceeding 2,200 lbs. | Fres. 100 |
| (b) For passenger carrying automobiles from 2,200 to 3,000 lbs. weight | " 125 |
| (c) For passenger carrying automobiles above 3,000 lbs. weight..... | " 175 |
| (d) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles not exceeding 3,000 lbs. | " 125 |
| (e) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles above 3,000 lbs. | " 250 |
| (f) For Auto Truck trailers per ton capacity per trailer.... | " 50 |

In default of this tax within ninety days after notice, the unlicensed vehicle may be seized and sold at public auction, the proceeds to be returned to the former owner after deduction of the tax and all costs.

8. All laws and part of laws in so far as they conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

G. B. FLEMING,

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) in introducing the Ordinance said,—Mr. Chairman. I am sure that all present are aware of the miserable condition of the centerline road; the estates that are keeping it in order are not able to do so today, owing to the shortage of gravel; and I am pretty sure that all will agree that a new road ordinance should be put into force. The heavy trucks and trailers have ruined

the road to such an extent that it is in a terrible condition. I feel sure that if a stone crusher and a road roller were procured, large stones could be obtained and crushed and the road could be put in order. We feel sure that if Government take the matter in hand and put the road in order and place it under the control of the Public Works Department, conditions would be better. It is provided that roadholders who will be exempted from allotments on this road will be given allotments on other roads. Gentlemen I ask that the matter be given consideration and the bill pass as early as possible.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Chairman. This matter about the centerline road has come up before this Council on numerous occasions. Government is not ready today to discuss whether automobile fees will be sufficient or not to maintain the road. With that in view, Government requests that 1st Discussion be kept open until the necessary information is obtained.

The Chairman remarked: Government requests that 1st Discussion be kept opened until the next meeting at which time, I presume, Government will be prepared. Another question—The bill should go before the Municipal Committee before it is introduced in the Council.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegala) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I realized that fact, and that was my reason for abstaining from voting that the bill be furthered today.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It is not necessary to go back to all the old arguments we have had on the centerline. One fact I wish to draw attention to is, that the information the promoter of this ordinance has is from the Chairman of the Road Commission in conjunction with the opinion of the Public Works Officer on the island; they talked the matter over together and arrived at a decision as to what amount would be sufficient to carry on the work on the centerline. We are doing our best on the centerline, but we feel that it will be a hopeless task if the Government do not come to our assistance, so the road can be kept and repaired in a uniform and more efficient manner than it can by individuals.

(To be continued)

EDITORIAL.

In inserting Mr. Steele's advertisement in this issue we are constrained to add a word of encouragement and commendation of the attitude it discloses in reducing the cost of one of the staple articles of food by about 50%. The spirit which thus animates action of this kind at a time when the means of the majority of the buying public are considerably res-