

Chairman. The Honorable 4th Member for Christiansted Country District has never raised sugar cane on the island so he doesn't know what he is talking about. Apparently he does not know that we have a Federal Income Tax, a tax which is considered too heavy in the United States. The Export Duty on sugar is \$8.00 per ton, a tax about 10% on sugar. I would like to know where in the United States there is a tax of 10% on the gross receipts of any kind of produce.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The s. s. Bridgetown arrived at this port on Saturday noon, and sailed again yesterday morning.

There has been excellent rainfall all Saturday, and yesterday and today opens with promises of more. The fort records 5½ lines for yesterday only, and 9 lines at Kingshill.

The steamship Guiana for New York is expected tomorrow morning at Frederiksted. Mails close in this town at 4 p. m. today.

Mr. B. R. Larsen tells us that he has just lost his dog through poisoning. Tut had walloped a couple of curs in the neighbourhood recently and gained the illwill of these vile gentry in our town who poison dogs with a criminal and malicious impunity for which they ought to be boiled in oil if we only knew them and had the authority.

As though to uphold the uncanny superstition accredited to King Tut, William Petersen, porter at Clindinen's, was mysteriously deprived of his purse containing \$1.80 on Saturday night. Willie who has been a sort of hereditary undertaker for Mr. Larsen's dogs had left this money representing his house rent on a table in his room where a light was burning. After burying Tutankhamen Saturday night he returned home to find his house in darkness and money gone. This is an extraordinarily low piece of dishonesty, the relieving of a poor man of his honest earnings which he needs. The thief ought to be ashamed of himself and make good.

As a testimony of the respect in which the memory of the late ex-President Wilson is held the President of the United States has by Proclamation of February 3rd ordered that the flags on the White House and departmental buildings be put at half mast for 30 days. This order has been extended by the Postmaster-General to the post office department and all United States post offices.

OFFICIAL NOTES.

His Excellency, the Governor has appointed Lieutenant Alfred B. Clarke, Supply Corps, United States Navy, as Assistant Government Secretary and Collector of Internal Revenue for the Virgin Islands of the United States, effective Monday, February 11, 1924, as the relief of Lieutenant Robert J. Monteith, Supply Corps, United States Navy, who will be returning to the United States the latter part of this month.

Correspondence

To the Editor of the St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir,

I read an article published in your issue of Saturday, 16th February, 1924, signed "One who was present."

Now, in my opinion you have only got a little tip and not what did really take place, as was said. Well I won't say very much, but much more was said than what is published. If men are stating something for this community and the outside world to read of our affairs, then come with it right; don't eat or drink half and say you are saying what did actually happen. I won't say more on this occasion.

Thanking you for space, I am,

W. S. ABRAMSON.

Christiansted, 18th Feb. 1923.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Luxor, Feb. 12th.—The greatest discovery in the discovery of Egyptology and many claim in archaeology, was made this afternoon in the sepulchral chamber of Tutankhamen, in the Valley of the Kings. In the presence of a gathering representing the elite of Egyptology the lid of King Tutankhamen's great pint Sarcophagus was raised and a stupendously magnificent mummy case, covered with plates of solid gold, was brought to light. The moment was the most dramatic in the history of the dramatic discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb. By general consent of those present the mummy case which indubitably enclosed the King's mortal remains immeasurably surpasses in splendour and beauty even the previous magnificent treasures the excavators in this tomb have brought to light. The mummy case is perfectly intact. It is described as one of the most wonderful things of its kind that ever has been found. The Pharaoh is represented in high relief, covered with sheets of gold more than twice life size, his serene and beautiful face exquisitely incised, with glittering eyes of aragonite and a long upcurved beard of solid gold. The flail and sceptre which the King grasp in his crossed hands are gilded wood more than three feet long. From the waist down, the broad

wings of protective goddesses meet across the knee to shield the Pharaoh from danger. When the lid was raised the mummy case was found to be three thicknesses of linen, browned with age. This linen, when rolled up, disclosed to the bewildered eyes of the excavators as one of those present told a correspondent, "a glowing golden man." The mummy case stands on a coffin, on what seems to be a wooden sleigh on which doubtless priests dragged it to the Valley of the Kings. The King was shown wearing the "nets" or folded headdress seen on the Sphinx and in the centre of which, in lapis-lazuli was the sacred uraeus or cobra, side by side with a hawk's head. Framed in the golden folds of the winglike headdress, Tut's face appeared. It was wistful, beautiful boyish face which is seen so often in the hunting scenes adorning his chariots, his bows, his boxes and his chairs, with gleaming eyes of aragonite strangely and really lifelike and slender finely curved nose and exquisitely carved sensitive mouth and a chair adorned with the traditional beard. Beneath the crossed arms, down the front of the case runs the traditional prayer for the King, together with his two now familiar cartouches, one with the name of Tutankhamen and the other with his official title Rakhepeuneb. The only blemish on the golden sheet of the mummy case is that the feet are black as though bitumen had stained them. Contrary to expectations, no wreaths were found, barring a pathetic little chaplet of discolored and withered flowers encircling the uraeus and the hawk's head in front of the royal headdress. As far as fresh discoveries are concerned this year's work in this tomb of Tutankhamen has been completed.

London, Feb. 14th.—The Lord Mayor has issued an appeal on behalf of the population of the Highlands of Scotland, who have been reduced to destitution by the failure of the harvest. The population of the Hebrides, the appeal states, have been suffering for some time, a distress unparalleled for severity in the memory of the present generation and are now approaching the climax of their ordeal.

Moscow, Feb. 13th.—Maxim Litvinoff Minister of Foreign Affairs in connection with the recent action of Great Britain and Italy in recognizing the Soviet as the de jure Government in Russia and today's announcement that Norway also had accorded the Government full recognition, gave an interview to the newspaper correspondents here. M. Litvinoff outlined the general principle that the Soviet Government would refuse to sign any commercial treaties with countries prior to their de jure recognition, of Russia.

Geneva, Feb. 14th.—A plan has been inaugurated to rename as 'Quai Wilson', the important section of the famous Quai Mount Blanc, on which the Palace of the League of Nations situated.