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BETTER SHIP SERVICE BETWEEN THE ISLANDS.

Bull Insular Line Remodels s. s. Catherine for Inter Island Trade; To Start October 1.

SEE BUSINESS GROWTH AHEAD.

Company Believes San Juan Will be the Jobbing Center for all of the Nearby Islands.

The Bull Insular Line on Oct. 1 will improve its service to Santo Domingo and the Virgin Islands by placing the S. S. Catherine in the inter-islands service. The Catherine sailed from New York Tuesday for Santo Domingo with passengers and cargo and will arrive in San Juan the latter part of this month. The first sailing from Santo Domingo is scheduled for October 1st.

The Catherine is a new steamer built about four years ago and it has been in the freight service between Porto Rico and New York since that time. When it was found undesirable to continue the Marina in the inter-islands service, the company looked out for another ship and finally concluded, it was more advisable to remodel the Catherine than it was to purchase another vessel which, like the Marina, might prove to be unsatisfactory for the service.

More than \$125,000 have been spent on the Catherine to fix her with cabins, dining room, and other facilities for passengers. As altered there are accommodations for 60 first class passengers and 20 steerage passengers. Each room is furnished with electric fan, ice water

and other comforts for tropical travel.

"We believe people in the islands are going to find it very comfortable traveling on the Catherine," said Miguel Such, general manager for the West Indies, this week. "Porto Rico, we believe, is going to become more and more the jobbing and wholesale center for the nearby islands and we have remodeled the Catherine for the purpose of facilitating this business."

It is possible that the first trip of the Catherine for Santo Domingo will be made the occasion for an excursion on which possibly Governor Towner and other Government officials and business men will go. Details of this, however, have not been completed.

The Bull Insular Line will continue to carry the mail once a week to Santo Domingo and the Virgin Islands. The Romarita, which has been in service since the Marina was taken off, will be returned to Santo Domingo. The Marina ended her days of usefulness in these waters. It is understood she was sold for old iron after being taken to New York.—Porto Rico Progress, Sept. 15th.

Quebec Steamship Co.

THE S. S. "PARIMA"

is expected to leave New York on the 28th inst., and is due at Frederiksted on or about the 5th prox., proceeding to Windward Islands.

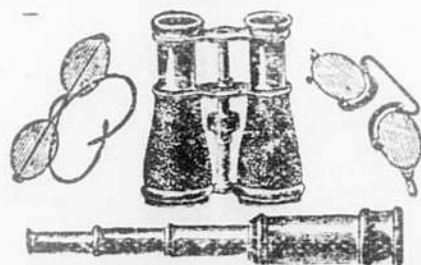
ROBT. L. MERWIN & CO. INC.,
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Colombia Steamship Co.

THE S. S. "MARTINIQUE"

sailed from New York on Thursday evening, and is due here on or about the 27th inst., proceeding to Windward Islands.

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BIDS are requested for the following articles which are needed in the administration of the Christiansted Municipal Hospital, Frederiksted Municipal Hospital, Insane Asylum at Richmond and the Leper Asylum during the months of October, November and December 1923:

Christiansted Municipal Hospital:

BREAD; about 1800 lbs. per month.
MEAT; about 650 lbs. per month (Beef, Veal, Mutton & Pork).
WOOD; about 1 (one) cord per week.
CHARCOAL; about 5 bags per week.

Frederiksted Municipal Hospital:

MILK; about 1200 Qrts. per month.
BREAD; about 1600 lbs. per month.
MEAT; about 500 lbs. per month (Beef, Veal, Mutton & Pork).
WOOD; about 1 (one) cord per week.
CHARCOAL; about 3 bags per week.

Insane Asylum at Richmond:

BREAD; about 1500 lbs. per month.
MEAT; about 500 lbs. per month (Beef & Veal).
WOOD; about 2 (two) cords per week.

Leper Asylum:

BREAD; about 1800 lbs. per month.
MEAT; about 300 lbs. per month (Beef & Veal).
WOOD; about 2 (two) cords per week.

All supplies to be best quality, and satisfactory to Hospital Officials delivered at the Institutions.

Bids should be addressed to Chief Municipal Physician, St. Croix, and to hand not later than September 25th 1923.

H. M. STENHOUSE,
Chief Municipal Physician,
St. Croix.

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