

A MASS MEETING

will be held in the CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE at 8.30 p. m. FRIDAY OCTOBER 29TH for the purpose of discussing the Sanitary Regulations effective November 1st., the fish-market, and other questions. Several prominent gentlemen have promised to speak, and all property owners, planters, venders of bread, cakes etc., as well as fishermen are cordially invited.

Mrs. J. E. Whitehead and children beg to thank all friends and acquaintances for kind sympathy and attention shown them in their sad bereavement.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I take it for granted that none of the members will take any objection to this Money Bill. It was on the Budget for 1919, but by an omission was left out; the matter was taken up with the Government Secretary and this Money Bill was introduced.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Nordby) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I would like to ask that arrangements be made that the Bands give a concert in the country at least once a month.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) in reply to the last speaker said,—Then the amounts will have to be increased for transportation.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I agree with Member Nordby to have a concert whether at King's Hill or at Bethlehem, but the only thing in the way is the question of transportation. I am sure that Government will look with favor on the proposal of the Honorable Member if some arrangements could be made for the transportation of the Band.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The bands have given concerts once in the country, in the past, once or twice in the year and we have transported them back and forth. Why not let the Money Bill remain open until the next meeting of the Council, at which time it may be decided how the bands could be transported. At present I cannot promise to furnish transportation, but the matter could be looked into.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. What the Honorable Member has said is all very well, but it is now October month and the bands have already

lost a part of the grant. I propose that we pass this Money Bill today and an Additional Money Bill can be brought in to provide for transportation.

The Vice-Chairman concurred in the words spoken by the last speaker.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. As they have been waiting so long we can pass the Money Bill today with the reservation that they would be willing to give concerts in the country.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I cannot speak with authority for the Bands, but I am sure that their leaders would be willing to comply if suitable transportation be furnished.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Personally I think these young men deserve credit; they have worked hard and have stuck to the task in raising money by subscription to buy instruments. Member Andersen has promised to take the question of transportation into consideration, with that in view, I recommend that the bill be put through today.

Member Canegata would like to know whether these grants are for only ten months?

The Vice-Chairman answered: No, they are retroactive.

Member Canegata said,—Then they should be bigger.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) handed in an amendment to the Bill, which is as follows:

AMENDMENT

to Colonial Council Bill No. 48

Add to last paragraph after the word month:

One of which shall be given in the country provided free transportation for the band is rendered.

F. ANDERSEN.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town Canegata also handed in an amendment to the Bill, and which is as follows:

AMENDMENT

to Colonial Council Bill No. 48

Change the figures after

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| 6. | Frederiksted..... | Frcs. 1500. |
| 7. | Christiansted..... | Frcs. 1500. |
| 8. | Christiansted..... | Frcs. 600. |

D. C. CANEGATA.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town and Suburbs.

Member Andersen's amendment was put to the vote and adopted.

Member Canegata's amendment was also put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

It was put to the vote and unanimously carried that 1st Discussion be closed.

1st Discussion closed.

It was proposed and carried that 2nd Discussion come on today.

2nd Discussion opened.

No one requesting the word the Secretary (Canegata) read the bill in its amended form and the Vice-Chairman put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

Item 7.

Discussion on Colonial Council Committee's Report on the Report of the Congressional Commission.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: In the meeting of the Colonial Council held on June 14, a.c. Committee was appointed to investigate and report on the Congressional Commission's report; that Committee sent in its report, and in the meeting held on August 23, the matter was discussed, but as Honorable Members are aware there was no final action taken upon it as there was no quorum, therefore I have placed it on the Order of the Day for final disposition, but as we have but half of the members present I propose that the matter be postponed until the next meeting of the Council when we can have a free and fuller discussion upon it.

The Vice-Chairman's proposal was adopted and accordingly the matter was postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

There being no further business before the House the meeting closed at 5.05 p. m.

EDITORIAL.

Confirming what was stated in Monday's editorial that the Food Commission as it stands is a menace to public welfare it is reported to us first hand that the St Croix Sugar Factory is unprepared to quote prices or close deals for sugar until the matter can be discussed with the Food Commission, which is to say that the public will either have no sugar or be obliged to pay prices approved by the Food Commission months ago when it fixed certain figures totally obsolete as far as the present condition of the sugar market abroad is concerned. It is further shown in this connection that the Food Commission does not now consist of the legally authorized number of members, there being only six instead of nine, and of the six but four will attend meetings, hence no quorum and no transaction of business. There is hardly occasion for further evidence that the Food Commission so-called, is useless, not having the power even to hold a meeting according to prescribed rules, and that its impotence is a positive harm. Its official dissolution is awaited.

LOCAL.

From a notice printed in this issue announcement is made of a public meeting to be held in the theatre tomorrow evening, for the purpose of airing popu-