

Advertisement.

BIDS are requested for the following articles, which are needed in the administration of the Christiansted Municipal Hospital, for the month of October 1920. Bids should be addressed to the Inspector, Municipal Hospital, Christiansted.

After September 27th, no bids will be considered.

Corn Meal, 200 lbs.; Rice 200 lbs.; Lard, 50 lbs.; Cooking butter, 50 lbs.; Table Butter 75 lbs.; Sugar 400 lbs.; Irish potatoes 500 lbs.; Meat, (Beef, Mutton & Pork,) 800 lbs.; Quaker Oats; 50 lbs.; Cream of Wheat, 30 lbs.; Peas, B. E. 50 lbs.; Onions, 20 lbs.; Salt Fish (Pollock) 50 lbs.; Mess-Pork, 50 lbs.; Blue Laundry Soap, 200 lbs.; Charcoal 15 Bags.

All supplies to be of best quality.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V.I. of U.S.A.,
Sept. 20th 1920.

N. P. CHRISTENSEN,

Inspector

Christiansted Municipal Hospital.

Mails Close

for New York, N. Y. per s. s. Korona at 5 p. m. Wednesday 22nd instant. Money Orders and Registry business closes at 4 p. m.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF POTATOES 200% BELOW THE SELLING PRICE OF THE EARLY DAYS IN THIS MONTH.

The Company Street Emporium

has just received

Ex S. S. "Parima"

A LARGE SUPPLY OF POTATOES

to retail at 5c. per lb.

Christiansted 20th Sept. 1920.

M. A. Pretto.

EDITORIAL.

In this issue there appears a letter from Mr. Tutein on the subject of whether or not prices of raw fish should be lowered. Of course, he, as a fisherman, says they ought not to be reduced. We decline to be drawn into a war of words, and would merely emphasize that what was published in the Avis of the 18th inst., was based on public sentiment, and if it becomes necessary to argue the matter out, those interested should stick to facts and logic, and not alone as to whether the prices of all lines of

goods should be cheaper. It is a fact that those dependent on the fishing industry for a living must buy a large percentage of imported foodstuffs, and it was chiefly in order to help the fishing element meet the high cost of living in this respect that an increase was allowed in the price of raw fish. It is logical that now the prices of imported foodstuffs are reduced the warrant for this increase declines accordingly. It is only too true that many things in the dry goods and hardware lines are still far above what they used to be worth, and this is particularly the case where printing paper is concerned; before the war this article cost 2½ cents a pound, and today it is 17 cents, or more than 600% dearer; but who would favor a proportionate increase in subscription rates? Notwithstanding what our correspondent writes, however, it is stated that those in the fishing business declare they never made more money than since the Food Commission fixed the current scale of prices. If such an assertion can be made, public opinion does not appear to be altogether wrong in looking to the Food Commission to take appropriate action now. In our opinion it is not the prices of fish alone that call for readjustment, but dry goods as well, and we are in the field on that too, and intend to give it our strict attention in the very near future as soon as certain necessary facts are assembled.

LOCAL.

The postmaster has asked that the following be brought to the notice of the public: "Although it ought to be generally well known that postal money orders are issued only in United States money and are payable in the same or on that basis, a great many persons insist upon filling out money order applications in amounts which they mean to represent Danish dollars and cents, an error which is discovered invariably only after time and labor have been incurred in writing the orders which must ultimately be cancelled. In future, when money orders are spoiled through carelessness on the part of the remitter to state the proper amount, or because of other defectiveness in the application, the money order fee will be required nevertheless."

A steady shower of rain lasting half an hour, fell before 8 o'clock last night.

The show at the theatre was successful both in the attendance, and the parts of the serial shown.

Since Saturday night the town clock is being lighted at night making it possible to see the time after dark. Had the lights been installed outside to shed light on the dials, it is believed the effect would

have been better. As it is, the dials are too transparent for the glare of the lights and the bulbs are visible from outside so that the figures and hands are not plainly distinguishable. Exterior lights would also obviate shadows of inside parts which are now visible enough to be mistaken for the hands. It should not be very difficult to remedy this.

Frederiksted, St. Croix, V. I. U. S.

September 20th 1920.

The Schooner "Virginia" arrived on Saturday night at 10 o'clock with 24 bags mail, general cargo and the following passengers:

From Porto Rico:—Frank Coulter Jr. and Mrs. Mathilda Cruse.

From St. Thomas:—Mrs. Wilhelmina Malone & child, Mrs. Virginia Foy, Mrs. Marie Moorehead, James Petrus, Wilfred Plaskett, Joe Moreno, Mr. J. C. Rodriguez.

She sailed at 6 o'clock yesterday evening with passengers as follows:

For Porto Rico:—Alex. Miller, Susanah Williams, Elizabeth Miller, Revd. Geo. W. Critchlow, Martha Richardson.

For St. Thomas:—Clarence Mascall.

The American Yacht "Wild Duck" while en route from Port of Spain, Trinidad, to St. Domingo, suffered some damage to her machinery and put into this port about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Repairs being about effected, she expects to leave this afternoon.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. 1920.

To the Editor of the St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir:—

I beg space in your much esteemed paper to express my sentiments also the sentiments of other leading fishermen of this Town in regard to the suggestion made in Avis Saturday, Sept. 18th, in regard to the price of fish which from your's, and their's point of view ought to drop also other local products, because a few items of imported foodstuffs has dropped a cent or two if fresh fish can be imported here cheaper than you and the public is getting presently we can quit the business for we know that every article of material for fishing cost more, than when the Food Commission fix the present reasonable price. We should thank you and them very much to get the price of materials reduced, begin with lumber, nails, rope, sails, paint oil.

Now Mr. Editor it seems there are some meddlesome and interfering person or persons, who think they are paragon or paragons of wisdom but who we know to be blundering Idiots, perhaps they have no legitimate or legal occupation so they think they ought to go about meddling in people's private busi-