

ORDER OF THE DAY

for the 1st Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix for the fiscal year 1923-24 Fourth Council, First Session, MONDAY, JUNE 18, 1923, at ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

1. Production of copy of Minutes of the Municipal Committee for the Quarter ending March 31, 1923, forwarded by the Chairman of the Committee for inspection of Members of the Council.
2. Colonial Council Bill No. 11, Session 1922-23.
1st discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 11, draft of an ordinance introduced by Government concerning insanity law.
3. Colonial Council Bill No. 12, Session 1922-23.
1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 12, draft of an ordinance introduced by Government providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the Municipality of St. Croix.

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, June 11, 1923.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

Item 5.

Election of Members of the Public Cemeteries' Commission.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have been on the Cemeteries' Commission for a long time. I believe I have buried the dead long enough. It would seem as if the Commission is not vested with any authority, because people go to the cemetery and take away the dirt and bones of the dead. I do not care to be on the Commission any longer.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have been told, I have not seen, that prisoners are in the habit of digging up the bones of the dead bodies and leaving them exposed in the grave yard. If that is so it is a disgrace to our flag.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. As far as I know the attention of an Honorable member of the Council has been drawn to the fact that the cemetery is too small, and if the death rate continues as high as it is today a money bill will have to be introduced in the Council

to provide the necessary means for buying more land in which to bury the dead. As regards the bones found exposed that is due to the fact that bodies buried in recent years have been dug up.

2nd Appointed Member (Voll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I believe there is a rule made as regards interment. I believe twenty years is the time limit. Sufficient time is not allowed for the bones to decay. That's a matter that should be brought to the attention of the Council. That's a result of the Commission not having full control over the cemeteries.

The Chairman remarked: I have been a member of the Cemeteries' Commission for a number of years. The reason why the Commission is not functioning properly is because Government has turned over control of the Cemeteries to the Public Works Department. However, the system of issuing permits to open graves still obtains. Regarding expenditures that is in the hands of the Public Works Department, and as regards depredations that is a matter for the police.

14 voting tickets were handed in for the election of 4 men to serve on the Cemeteries' Commission, two for Christiansted and two for Frederiksted. One was blank.

Elected were: For Christiansted: 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) with 8 votes and 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) with 7 votes.

For Frederiksted: 2nd Member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin) with 10 votes and 1st Appointed Member (Coulter) with 7 votes.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town [Jackson] received 6 votes, 3rd Member for Christiansted Town [Alexander] received 4 votes, 2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Berg] received 2 votes and 4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] received 1 vote.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood]: Mr. Chairman. Do I understand you to say that the Public Works Department is responsible for the spending of the money allotted to the cemeteries?

The Chairman: Yes.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] remarked: Then that department has to look after the cemeteries or the Commission should intervene and see that the money allotted is spent properly and care taken of the cemeteries.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District [Ramsay] remarked: Mr. Chairman. Following up the remarks of the Honorable 4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] there seems to be no care taken of the cemeteries. Let us see if this matter cannot be settled today. It is a shame for us to think so little of our dead. The dead should be better protected.

Item 6.

Election according to Ordinance of 17 January, 1908, Paragraph 6, of one member to enter the Board of

Management of the Asylum for Lepers etc.

14 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected was 2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] with 13 votes.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District [M. M. Skeoch] received 1 vote.

Item 7.

Election of 2 men to take part with Government in deciding on the application to be made of the Golden Wedding Legacy of their Majesties the King and Queen.

Election of do. of the Silver Wedding of their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess.

Election of do. of the Nuptial Fund of His Royal Highness Prince Valdemar.

Election of do. of the P. C. Birch wife Rosaline Antoinette's Legacy.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members it is the custom to take up these four items together and make one election of the same two men for the four legacies. To this arrangement the Council tacitly agreed.

16 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected were:

For Christiansted: D. C. Canegata with 13 votes.

For Frederiksted: F. Coulter with 11 votes.

Item 8.

Election of Members for the Commission pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Ordinance of 20th September, 1911, measures against diseases of cotton plants.

The Chairman remarked: It is the custom to elect men who are acquainted with the cotton cultivation, not necessarily members of the Council.

14 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected were: Messrs. D. S. Armstrong, A. V. Nelthropp, W. H. Mac Kay and W. L. Penheny.

(To be concluded)

LOCAL

The s. s. "Parima" from New York is due at Frederiksted at 10 o'clock tonight.

2½ lines of rain was measured at the Fort this morning, and 2 lines at Kingshill and ½ a line at Frederiksted.

The sloop Carib arrived here this morning from Porto Rico.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York Goes Dry.

SUPREME COURT'S RULING PUT IN FORCE.

New York, June 11th.—The port of New York became officially dry at mid-