

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman I can't see where the saving will come in. It is merely trying to shield some people. Our road work is increasing all the time. Every proprietor who uses the roads whether big or small should help to keep them in repair.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I don't want to contradict the Honorable 4th Appointed Member. I am not going to try to shield any one from paying tax, but if we look at the matter from another point we will find that estate owners pay nothing for using their mule carts on the roads.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch): May I ask who is keeping those roads in repair? We, the estate owners do, and we also pay automobile tax.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata]: The Honorable Member misunderstood me. I say that estate owners do not pay tax for their carts, but the small owners pay for their carts and repair the roads as well.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District [Berg] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I am puzzled at the remarks of the Honorable 4th Appointed Member. It would seem by this amendment that the small owners do now repair the roads. Do they or do they not now repair the roads?

The Vice-Chairman in reply to the last speaker said, — Every man that owns land whether he has 10 or 15 feet of road, repairs it himself. This amendment is to do away with that.

Government having no objection the Vice-Chairman read the amendment in its amended form and put same to the vote.

11 members voted for; 1 against.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The amendment is adopted.

It was moved by 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District [Curry] and seconded by 5th Appointed Member [McIntosh] that 2nd Discussion be closed.

The Vice-Chairman put the motion to the vote.

11 members voted for; none against.

2nd discussion closed.

It was moved by 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District [Curry] and seconded by 5th Appointed Member [McIntosh] that 3rd discussion come on.

The Vice-Chairman put the motion to the vote.

12 members voted for; none against.

Government having given consent 3rd discussion opened.

No one requesting the word it was moved by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) and seconded by 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) that 3rd discussion be closed.

The Vice-Chairman put the motion to the vote with the result that 12 members voted for; none against.

The Secretary read the ordinance in its amended form and it was then put to the vote.

10 members voted for; none against.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The ordinance is passed and goes to Government.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members it becomes necessary, according to paragraph 20 of the Colonial Law to elect a member to serve on the Electoral Board in place of Mr. Fleming who is absent from the island. The election will take place after recess.

1st Appointed Member (Coulter) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. It may be necessary to remark that the Council must confine itself to 4 members, those living in the District for which the member is to be elected.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) in reply to the last speaker said, — Not at all. All the members of the Council are eligible.

A recess of 10 minutes was given.

At the resumption the Vice-Chairman asked members to prepare their voting tickets for the election of a member to serve on the Electoral Board in lieu of Mr. G. B. Fleming.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) inquired of the Vice-Chairman whether it was necessary for the Council to confine itself to members living in the District for which the member is to be elected or whether a member could be selected from any part of the island?

The Vice-Chairman drew the member's attention to Par. 20 of the Colonial Law.

13 voting tickets were handed in for the election of a member to serve on the Electoral Board.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) received 5 votes, 3rd Member for said District (M. M. Skeoch) received 4 votes, 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) 3 votes and 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) one vote.

As none had absolute majority vote a new free vote had to take place.

13 voting tickets were handed in.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) received 6 votes, 3rd Member for said District (M. M. Skeoch) with 5 votes and 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) 2 votes.

None having received absolute majority vote a new vote had to be taken between 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) and 3rd

Member for said District (M. M. Skeoch). 14 voting tickets were handed in.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) received 7 votes, and 3rd Member for said District (M. M. Skeoch) received 7 votes.

There being a tie vote and 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) being the elder of the two was, by the Chairman, declared elected to serve on the Electoral Board.

The (Vice-Chairman), according to previous announcement, asked the audience to retire from the Hall, the doors were closed at 4 p. m. and the House went into committee on the Tax Ordinance.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) left the meeting.

At 6 o'clock p. m. the doors were opened, the Council resumed its session and 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) moved that in view of the discussion had on the Ordinance in the Committee of the whole House the matter go over to the next meeting of the Council on continuation of 2nd discussion.

5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) seconded the Member's motion.

The (Vice-Chairman) put the motion to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business before the House the Vice-Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6 05 p. m.

LOCAL

With mails and passengers the Mizpah sailed from this port for St. Thomas yesterday afternoon.

The s. s. Sripam from New York via St. Thomas arrived at Frederiksted last evening and left later on for the Islands.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley A. de la Motta at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and left a fine baby boy. Both mother and infant are well. Congratulations.

SPORTING NEWS

The "STARLIGHT" will keep the ball a rolling by meeting the "LINCOLNITES" for the return match on Sunday afternoon Sept. 16th at 4 15 o'clock on the Holgar Danske Ground. Watch your steps "LINCOLNITES", we are sure of gaining victory this time.

STARLIGHT.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Rome, Sept. 7th.—The occupation by Italy of Paxos and several "very small" islands near Corfu, is announced. It is expected that the occupation is not a