

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Mr. WAL-DEMAR A. KRIGGER yesterday afternoon at his home in this town. The deceased was a respected member of this community and for years engaged in the business of cabinet maker.

The funeral will take place from his residence on Company Street to the Lutheran Church at 4.30 p. m. today.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

AT one o'clock p. m. Wednesday, June 23, 1923, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held an extraordinary meeting in the Council Hall in Christiansted, convened by request of Government.

Present: The Vice-Chairman (Robt. W. Skeon), D. S. Armstrong, D. Noll, M. M. Skeon, D. Hamilton Jackson, A. J. Blackwood, A. R. McIntosh, F. Coulter, Halvor Berg, F. Andersen, Holger Jessen, D. C. Canegata, Thos. Ramsay, Jos. Alexander and W. S. Abramson.

Absent: The Chairman (Robt. L. Merwin.)

Further the seat of the 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District was vacant.

Government Secretary (Gaffney), Lieutenant Commander William S. Zine and Despatching Secretary (Barret) were also present.

The following prayers were offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Father Francis W. Clair:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice! through Whom all authority is rightly administered, laws enacted, and judgment decreed, assist, with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the Honorable Members of this Council. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct their deliberations, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of happiness, and the increase of industry and useful knowledge.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy

Ghost descend upon us all, and remain forever.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members the greater portion of the minutes for the last meeting has been published; if it be your desire that the unpublished portion be read, I will ask the Clerk to do so, if not, I will, if no objections are offered, consider them tacitly adopted.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) requested to have the whole of the minutes of the last meeting read.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) moved that the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting remain in abeyance until the next meeting of the Council.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) seconded the member's motion.

The Vice-Chairman put the motion to the vote.

11 members voted for; none against.

The Vice-Chairman: The motion is carried. The adoption of the minutes of the last meeting will remain in abeyance until the next meeting of the Council.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I have received no communications from Government since the last meeting, neither have I received any excuses from absent members.

Item 1.

*Colonial Council Bill No. 2.

2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 2, Fourth Council, First Session, draft of annual budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, introduced by Government.

Vice-Chairman: We will take up the revenue side of the budget first:

Revenues: I. Direct Taxes:

The Vice-Chairman after reading the amendment made under this item, put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

II. Indirect Taxes:

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) would like to know how the amount listed for export tax under this item was arrived at.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) in answer to the last speaker said: It is well known to all the members of this Council that this amount will not be realized by exportation from the present crop, but there is a likelihood that some sugar from next year's crop will be shipped before the end of the fiscal year.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. At best the revenues as budgetted are merely estimates. We know that the figure listed as export duty will not be reached, but if we have a revenue of eighty thousand dollars and an amount of sixty thousand dollars left over the sum of these will equal the revenue side of the budget. Since the last meeting of this Council I have had a statement of actual revenues and expenditures, the

month of May showing the cash balance to be eighty thousand instead of sixty thousand as was in April. You cannot tell what the revenues will be. It is only an estimate.

No further remarks. This item was adopted by a vote of 9 members for; 2 against.

III. Sundry Revenues as amended was adopted by a vote of 12 for; none against.

At this stage of the proceedings 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) entered the meeting.

We will now proceed with the expenditure side of the budget.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I suggest that each money bill be taken up under its general head instead of the sub-items; by doing so we will get through quicker.

The Colonial Council as amended:

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked. Mr. Vice-Chairman. I desire to express the wish that you direct the Clerk to the Council to furnish a copy of the proceedings of the Council to the other newspapers for publication, compliance with which would only require additional carbon paper, and if this were done it would facilitate the people living in the country, as more of them read the "Herald" and the "Tribune" newspapers than they do the "Avis" in which the Council proceedings are published.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): The Honorable Member forgets that this Council pays for printing the Council proceedings. If you look on the budget you will see an amount budgetted for this work. In my opinion if the newspapers desire to print the Council proceedings it is their duty to send their reporters here and get it.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander): I do not agree with the last speaker. What would it cost if the Clerk to the Council inserts a carbon paper to secure a duplicate copy of the proceedings? As I said before many do not read the "Avis".

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I thought we met here today to discuss the budget. I object to discussion on any matter unless it is on the order of the day.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander): I have the floor Mr. Vice-Chairman. I will have no other opportunity to bring up this matter.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll): Introduce a resolution.

The Vice Chairman: I am sorry that the Honorable 3rd Member for Christiansted Town did not bring up this matter while the budget was before the Municipal Committee.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Let us look at the matter in a broad sense. Take the Congress of the