

the Municipal Committee. When the Municipal Committee held its last meeting they instructed me, and voted thereon, that the third column be filled in by me and forwarded to Government together with a covering letter. I have here the draft of Budget as adopted by the Municipal Committee, which can be seen by any member.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. We have always depended upon the Municipal Committee for its recommendations in matters involving finance. We are all busy men and have delegated the Municipal Committee to look into these matters; they have gone over the budget, but have made no recommendations to the Council. Last year we had a speech of more than half an hour by the Chairman of the Municipal Committee explaining the budget, this year we have none. I understand from the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District that there was no recommendations made by the Municipal Committee. We have not had time to go through the budget and yet we are asked to pass it. If we take the Municipal Committee into confidence it should come here and tell us what changes were made in the budget and the reasons for them. I see certain changes, for instance a reduction in the salary of the Judge of the District Court without any ordinance introduced to change the law under which the salary was created. I am not against a reduction but there must be an ordinance to change the law under which the salary was created. In the absence of an explanation from the Municipal Committee I move that this Council resolve itself into a committee to investigate the budget.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Jessen) seconded the member's motion.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I am not, but I consider myself as busy a man as any other man here. Whenever I put my name to a paper I am always certain of what I sign to. The Honorable Member has said that last year I made a speech for half an hour and this year I have made none. I am prepared to make a speech lasting one hour but members want explanation but don't want to listen.

The (Chairman) remarked: The Municipal Committee has done its duty and I agree with the Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee. The Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District has said that there was no vote taken on the budget, I tacitly agree with that.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): I beg your pardon Mr. Chairman. When the vote was taken on the budget in the Municipal Committee the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District had already left the

meeting, and you were standing at the door.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) requested that the minutes of the Municipal Committee be produced. This was done, and the Secretary of the Committee was requested to read the minutes in connection with the budget, and he accordingly complied with the request.

The motion made by 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) and seconded by 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Jessen) that the Council resolve itself into a Committee to investigate the budget was put to the vote with the result that 2 members voted for; 3 against.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) moved that 1st discussion be closed.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) seconded the motion.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The only time at which any member of the Council has an opportunity to discuss anything affecting the Municipality is when the budget is under 1st discussion, and for this reason I feel that 1st discussion should not now be closed.

The motion made by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) and seconded by 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) that 1st discussion be closed was put to the vote with the result that 7 members voted for; 3 against.

Government Secretary (Zane): Mr. Chairman. Government would like to suggest that 2nd discussion come on today.

The (Chairman): That would be a deviation from the rules. However it is my duty to put the question to the Council.

Government Secretary (Zane): May I offer a word in explanation and that is, it is now the 23rd of June with one week remaining before the new fiscal year, and in matters of this kind my presence is also required before the Colonial Council in St. Thomas on the budget, which is equally behind.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): What harm would it be if the budget is not passed before the 30th of June?

It was put to the vote whether 2nd discussion should come on.

1 member voted for; 7 against.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL

There will be kindergarten graduation exercises at the Queen Louise Children Home in this town at 8 o'clock, this evening. Interested parties and all who support this worthy institution, whether financially or morally, are invited to attend. The Despatching Secretary Lieut. R. E. Barrett is expected to address the children.

The s. s. Catherine arrived at Frederiksted on actual schedule time on Saturday last, the first load of mail for Christiansted reached this town at 3.00 p. m. enabling its delivery by 6. p. m. when the post office was closed, the earliest it has been on Saturday evening for many months.

The schooner Vigilant sailed from this port for Fajardo, P. R., on Saturday night carrying a cargo of live cattle, and some passengers, among whom Mr. Herman A. Krag who has returned home by the Martinique the week before last with the view to settling down in St. Croix but found no field for doing so.

The s/s Guiana on her way to New York is being looked for sometime Friday this week. She is carrying as usual a number of passengers from this island. Particulars as to arrival, and closing of mails will be published when received from the agents and the post office.

The Native Brass Band entertained a music loving gathering last night with one of its rousing concerts, in the bandstand.

The postmaster begs to remind renters of post office boxes to pay their rent today, and those who have filed applications for post office boxes to call at the post office just before 5.00 p. m. and secure boxes that may be vacant by reason of not being re-rented.

Captain and Mrs. Creamer entertained a large number of guests at a dance in their home on Saturday night. A happy time was spent. The Native Brass Band furnished music for the occasion.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, June, 25th—The currents of democratic rivalry burst their dykes today in Madison Square Garden and engulfed the party's national convention with a bolting wave of confusion and disorder. The Ku Klux Klan issue, brought at last to the open floor of the convention, set off as anti-Klan demonstration that led to several fist fights among the delegates.

London, June 26th.—Their Majesties held a garden party at Buckingham Palace yesterday and never before were so many visitors from the Empire Overseas gathered within the spacious grounds. Invitations were sent to ten thousand persons. The most picturesque and noticeable figures among the guests were Indians, Japanese and Chinese in their gorgeous oriental dresses. The sun shone gloriously, bringing out all the colours in their full brilliance.