

Promenade Concert

On the Wharf, To-Night By
The Native Brass Band

—: PROGRAM :—

Part I.

1. March..... "El Capitan".....Sousa
2. Waltz.... "Savon".... Arr. F. G. St. Clair
3. Ragtime Spasm... "An African Symphony"... Losey

Part II.

1. March... "Flags of Freedom"....Sousa
2. Grand Selection.... "Songs From The Old Folks"... Arr. M. L. Lake
3. Waltz..... "Aloha Je"... Arr. G. H. Reeves
4. Tango... "La Bella Argentina"... Roberto

STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

FRED. C. JACKSON JR.
Bandmaster.

A. de Chabert. E. A. Schuster.
W. L. Penheny. A. Ne'thropp.
Kier. E. E. Svitzer.
Mr Esmann. Jno. R. Leevy.
Elias Williams.

The above names represent a total of 15,406 acres of land.

OTHER TAX-PAYERS.

J. W. Smith. Mrs. A. M. Richardson,
L. P. Nielsen. W. Fredericksen.
W. J. Berg. Capt. George Thomas.
R. C. Hutchirson. S. Carlisle.
A. R. Mc Intosh.

and said,—this protest was handed to me to read to the Council. As I explained myself fully at the last meeting, I have nothing further to say.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) asked the last Speaker how much income tax these gentlemen, whose names appear on the memorial paid this year? Further he said, it is not how many acres of uncultivated land they own, but how much income tax they are paying, that counts when they came forward as representatives of the tax-payers.

Member Blackwood in reply to the last Speaker said,—I do not know how much income tax these gentlemen are paying, but I know they are tax-payers and are entitled to as much representation here as you who are representing a concern and paying large income tax.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I asked the question merely for comparison and to get an idea.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I know what I represent and how much tax I am paying. My only regret is that

I haven't a larger income so that I can pay more income tax. This is a question of an opposition to a concrete road, and it is believed that if the project is carried through it is going to be a very expensive one. In reading the minutes of the last meeting I discovered that Member Andersen agreed with me that it is necessary to have good roads all over the island; but allowed that we could not afford them, yet he advocates expending \$225,000 on one road. In my opinion all the roads in the island can be improved to carry any weight required of them for less money. There are some members in the Council who have been building roads with gravel and broken stones, and are able to tell you that loose gravel makes a very good road even when only crushed by the ordinary traffic. We have sufficient materials on the island, and with the foundation which we have, the roads can be put in very good order; if broken stones are put on and properly rolled and settled.

There have been a great many appropriations made since we came under the American Flag, more than I have seen appropriated for this island for the past thirty years; there are many things needed as well as improved roads (f. i. the proposed warehouse on West End wharf for the protection of merchants and shippers' goods, that seems to have gone to sleep, and nothing more is heard of it. Two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars is a good deal of money to spend on a road. I think the proper thing to do is, to vote for a road roller and a stone crusher and repair part of the main line first, and then afterwards the other roads could be put in order. To spend such a large sum of money under present labor conditions, I believe, is a big chance.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I cannot see that the last Speaker's remark has brought us any further, I expected that he, as an old member of this Council and a man with business experience, would have brought his idea in concrete form, but to bring in a lot of talk to impede the progress of the meeting, I don't see that that brings us any further. We have an able Road Commission and that Commission is the proper body to give an opinion on this matter.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I was present at the inauguration of the Highway Committee, but has never been called in consultation since, and therefore cannot be held responsible. I had no influence over the Committee.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. This is a rather important question. Every one of us would like to walk on carpet. There is not a single person in

this island who would not like to have good roads in St. Croix. It happens that I am not a member of the Road Commission, but I have been hearing much talk concerning this matter by the tax-payers. We know a man must pay income tax if he is receiving an income. I for instance, I am receiving a small income, but I feel that I am paying a great deal of tax, and at the same time am paying for those who are not in a position to pay any. It is not necessary to ask how much income tax one is paying; the question before us today is, whether the building of this road with concrete will incur more tax on the tax-payers? I own fifty acres of land here in St. Croix and ten properties in this town on which I pay tax, but at the same time consideration must be given to those who cannot very well pay enormous tax; therefore I do not consider it right to say let us pave our roads with gold.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. As was stated here before, we are all ignorant in road making. 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) is criticising a concrete road, because he thinks it too expensive, and he leans on a macadamized road; the cement man leans on a concrete road and feels that after four or five years it would prove the cheapest. As all of us are ignorant where building a concrete road is concerned, couldn't we vote a certain sum of money to cover the expense of an expert coming down here from the States to look into the matter and advise us? To stand here and defend either side without having knowledge seems rather a waste of time. I confess that I am willing to believe both sides but cannot form any opinion.

(To be continued.)

The Credit Situation the World over is still a subject of important consideration and the statement made by Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board that all unessential Loans should be discouraged is still applicable, and it is generally believed that the following of such a policy will greatly assist in the straightening-out of the present financial difficulties.—Comm.

Frederiksted, 11th, April 1921.

The S. S. "Parima" arrived at 6 a. m. from New York with 2,240 packages for Frederiksted and 900 for Christiansted and the following passengers from New York:

Revd. Z. M. Corbe, Mrs. & Miss Tolderlund, Sister Mary Stainsles, Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Zmeck.

From St. Thomas: Mr. David Jorgensen, P. L. LaBega, E. Hassel, Jiming Sicardo, M. C. Barry, and 21 steerage passengers.