

MAILS CLOSE

for New York, N. Y., per S. S. Korona, at 4 p. m. to-day.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

At one o'clock p. m., Monday, October 20, 1919, the Colonial Council for St. Croix held its 3rd Ordinary Meeting for the present elective period.

The following members were present: The Chairman (Robt. L. Merwin,) F. Lunney, F. Coulter, W. S. Abramson, D. Noll, Thos. Ramsay, G. Nordby, D. C. Canegata, K. Henderson, and Robt. W. Skeoch.

Members A. J. Blackwood, F. Andersen and M. M. Skeoch absent from the Island. Members G. B. Fleming and D. S. Armstrong had notified their inability to attend; furthermore were absent, W. L. Pentheny, W. H. McKay and A. E. Stakemann.

His Excellency Governor J. W. Oman and Despatching Secretary R. O'Hagan attended the meeting.

After prayers had been said the Chairman (Merwin) remarked: Honorable Members, the minutes of the last meeting have been published in the "St. Croix Avis" and if there is no objection to same I will consider them tacitly adopted.

There was no objection and the minutes as published were considered tacitly adopted.

The Secretary (Canegata) then read the communications to the Council received since last meeting.

1. Letter from Despatching Secretary dated September 24, 1919, requesting that four members to serve on the Tax Commission for the present year, two for each town, be given attention at the next meeting of the Colonial Council.

2. Letter from His Excellency Governor J. W. Oman reading:

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Colonial Law, dated April 6, 1906, I have the honor to forward herewith, with the request that it be laid before the Colonial Council at its next meeting, a provisional ordinance issued by me October 17, 1919, authorizing and directing the addition to the salary of each employee of this Government of such amounts as may be necessary to equal the difference between the normal rate of exchange and the rate of exchange existing when such salaries are due and payable; and increasing the budget of the Municipality of St. Croix, for the fiscal

year, ending June 30, 1920, to provide therefor.

Respectfully,
J. W. OMAN,
Governor.

The Chairman of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix."

The Council then proceeded with the Order of the Day.

Item 1.

Election of 4 men, two for Christiansted and two for Frederiksted, for the purpose of assisting the Tax Commission in determining the rentals for the year 1919.

The Chairman remarked: We are to elect two men for Christiansted and two for Frederiksted to join the Tax Commission for the purpose of assessing the rental of town properties for the year 1919. The gentlemen elected for the year 1918 were: For Christiansted: Mr. W. L. Pentheny and Mr. W. Clindinen and for Frederiksted M. A. M. Golden and Mr. R. E. Higgins. I will therefore ask you to prepare your voting tickets for the election of 4 men.

8 voting tickets were handed in.

The voting took place in this manner: four names were written on the tickets, the first two signified the names of the men for Christiansted and the other two for Frederiksted.

Elected were:

For Christiansted: Mr. W. L. Pentheny and Mr. A. C. Conrad.

For Frederiksted: Mr. A. M. Golden and Mr. K. Henderson.

Item 2.

Production of copy of Minutes of the Municipal Committee for June quarter, forwarded by the Chairman of the Committee according to Par. 11 of the By-Law for the Municipal Committee of St. Croix, for inspection of Members of the Council.

The Chairman remarked: I will now lay copy of the minutes of the Municipal Committee on the table for inspection of Members, and hereafter it will be in the Council Office for one week from 9-11.30 o'clock a. m. and from 2-5 o'clock p. m.

Item 3.

Colonial Council Bill No. 11.

Resolution introduced by 1st. Appointed Member (Henderson) authorizing the Government to borrow the sum of Frcs. 25,000 from the Reserve Fund to be applied in accordance with the terms of Colonial Council Bill No. 12, Session 1919-20.

Colonial Council Bill No. 11.

2nd Session 1919-1920.

RESOLUTION.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in Session assembled:---

The Governor is hereby authorized

to borrow the sum of Frcs. 25,000 from the Reserve Fund, to be deposited in the Colonial Treasury and to be applied in accordance with the terms of Colonial Council Bill No. 12, 2nd Session 1919-1920.

That the loan thus authorized is to be secured by a mortgage bond from the Colonial Treasury to the Reserve Fund, such mortgage bond to bear no interest.

That the building acquired in accordance with the terms of Colonial Council Bill No. 12, 2nd Session 1919-1920 is to be rented for the sum of Frcs. 125 per month, such rentals to be deposited in a redemption fund to be known as the "Frederiksted High School Redemption Fund", there to remain so deposited until such deposits equal the amount of the mortgage bond, when the total amount shall be deposited in the Colonial Treasury and applied in satisfying the mortgage held in the Reserve Fund.

1st. Appointed Member (Henderson) in introducing the Resolution said: Mr. Chairman. As Treasurer of the Frederiksted High School I wish to report that the school has had a very successful year. Bethlehem is willing to dispose of the building and the School Director knows all about the transactions therefore I ask members to vote for the passage of the bill.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Resolution be furthered and passed at one discussion.

No one requesting the word the Chairman closed the discussion, the Secretary (Canegata) read the bill and the Chairman put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

[To be continued].

The Post Office advises that as United States money is at a premium of 28%, that premium will be charged on Danish money offered in payment of postage, or for the purchase of money orders.

It is also brought to public notice that the date up to which proposals will be received for the furnishing of post office quarters in this town, has been extended to November 15, 1919.

With reference to that part of the correspondence in this issue signed "INTERESTED", which represents this paper as saying that the merchants should maintain the old rate of 5% in doing business with the public, the remarks in the Avis of Monday 20th. instant are herein repeated: While there may be grounds why some merchants should in-