

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE FOR
WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1921.

Christiansted Junior High School..	94.77%
Frederiksted Junior High School..	94.14
Peters Rest School.....	92.45 "
Friedensfeld School.....	85.65 "
La Princesse School.....	72.00 "
Diamond School.....	67.47 "
Christiansted Communal School..	65.66 "
Frederiksted Communal School..	63.76 "
Annaly School.....	59.82 "

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Asst. Director of Education.

Department. I am very much against the creation of new offices at the present time. The budget has been discussed in a Committee elected by the Council, and that Committee did not favor the creation of a central office in the Medical Department. The danger of having a new office is, when once it is established we cannot strike it out again. I recommend that members consider carefully before they allow the creation of new offices. You have under this new office, salaries, equipment and maintenance, not a Ford car, but an automobile. We must look upon conditions as they exist today.

With regard to the Department of Education, I am sorry to hear the Chairman of the Municipal Committee say that he could not make any reduction in that department.

In the island of Porto Rico there is a school population of about 450,000, the enrollment in all the public school is about 185,000.—

The total expenditure per pupil enrolled is about \$18

Here in St. Croix we have about 1200—school children and with a total of \$60,000. as asked for by the Educational Department this will mean an expenditure of \$50 per pupil as compared with \$18 in Porto Rico, which has now been an American island for more than 20 years.

I have noticed in one of our local newspapers a comparison with Porto Rico regarding education based in the percentage of the total administrative expenditures used for education.

Such comparison does not actually present the situation, as St. Croix is only a very small island with a small population but with an immense cost of administration and numerable charitable institutions.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question if I may be permitted to do so. In connection with the budget, Par. 1, Item 4 on the Revenue side—Income Tax—I understand that our income tax would be Two Million Francs, I see Two Hundred Thousand Francs budgetted, I also see that twelve horses are budgetted for the Police Department. I am pleased

to see that allowances are made for repairing and painting the bandstand and the benches. I see an increase for lights on the streets. I would like to know if the lights will be increased, the lights in the streets at present are not very satisfactory, especially when they are put on at nine o'clock at evening and extinguished at two o'clock in the morning, which was not the case in former years.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: With regard to the remarks made by 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) I wish to thank him for the compliments paid the Municipal Committee. As regards the Department of Education, the Director told me that the intention is to reorganize the schools, and consequently a great amount will be needed to pay imported teachers. While I agree with the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District, yet we cannot take what he says as a basis. With regard to remarks by the Honorable 3rd Member for Christiansted Town, the income tax which he refers to is a question upon which there has been much discussion. The income tax is paid on the first day of July, consequently it will come on the budget for next year. The Honorable Gentleman will notice that it is only put down for guidance sake.

With regard to increase for street lights. The Municipal Committee recommends that the service be increased, we considered that necessary. The people living on the back streets pay as much tax as those living on the front streets, and are entitled to the same consideration, therefore the amount for lights have been increased.

With regard to bandstand and benches—I do not know whether the amount budgetted is too little, but it is in accordance with the estimate of the Public Works Officer.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make another remark on the budget. The Department of Public Instructions in Porto Rico had in 1916 one teacher for each 80 children, and in 1920 one for each 60 children. Our Department calls for a total of 60 teachers for 1,200 children, which means a teacher for each twenty children. The department had a total of Frs. 139,000 last year for salaries and is calling for Frs. 68,000 more this year. I understand that some of these salaries are asked for, not because they are paid, but eventually may be paid. I recommend that the amount actually required is budgetted and that additional money bills are brought in when required. I do not agree with the Chairman of the Municipal Committee, under this system we lose sight of the amount collected for income tax; five hundred or six hundred percent wrong

is too wrong. I request that the revenue side of the budget be as accurate as it could be made. In a former meeting I stated what revenues the island made from year to year, and it was seen then that the island of St. Croix was only short of \$90,000 for the first 3 years and 3 months since the transfer of the islands. This should be of interest to the Senators who visited our island. Of course I understand that St. Thomas has received very much more money from the Federal appropriations than St. Croix has.

(To be continued.)

EDITORIAL.

We thank Dr. Longfield Smith for a copy of "The Livestock Industry" an able and interesting treatise on the eradication of cattle ticks. We should like to give it space in the Avis, and as soon as pressing work now on hand is overcome we shall endeavor to publish same.

LOCAL.

The Native Brass Band entertained a large gathering with a public concert in the bandstand last night.

Readers are reminded of the continuation of the serial at the theatre tonight.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, June 14th.—Prominence is given in the press to the revolt of over one hundred Conservative members against the practice of the Govt. in spending of money before obtaining the sanction of the House of Commons. A petition is going to be presented to Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Government leader in the House, against the practice. "The chief causes of complaint are the recent issue of railway vouchers to members and the payment of a salary of five thousand pounds to Dr. Addison, who was shunted from the Ministry of health and created a Minister without portfolio. The Govt. appears to be determined to avoid an Autumn session of Parliament at all costs and a strict time table for the remainder of the session has been instituted.

London, June 15th.—Dr. Christopher Addison, ex Minister of Health and since last April Minister without portfolio in the British Cabinet, has resigned his post, it was declared by the "Daily Mail" today. This latest development is described in and government circles, the newspaper said, as "a revolt of the government's followers." It was declared that this revolt is likely to endanger the stability and even the existence of the Lloyd George Cabinet and cause a general election.