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VIRGIN ISLANDS

NOW PROSPEROUS

Trade of New Possession With World Increases 33 Per Cent in Year.

Uncle Sam has made the Virgin Islands prosperous according to statistics on the trade of his newest possession. The trade of those islands with the world was valued at \$4,196,037 in 1919, while in 1918 it was \$3,141,775. This was a gain of \$1,054,262 or 33 per cent. Exports were \$1,249,346 in 1918 and \$1,919,525 in 1919, a gain of \$670,179. Imports increased \$384,083, from \$1,892,429 in 1918 to \$2,276,512 last year. With this gratifying increase there was a drop of nearly 50 per cent in the balance of trade against the islands from \$643,083 in 1918 to \$356,987 in 1919.

The major portion of this valuable commerce was with the United States, the exports from this country increasing in value \$164,014, from \$1,640,103 to \$1,804,117; and imports from the islands into the States \$455,619, from \$1,137,501 in 1918 to \$1,593,120 in 1919. This was a growth in value of 40 per cent in imports and 10 per cent in exports.

The proportionate increase was even more striking in the trade with foreign countries, imports from which rose 87 per cent, on \$220,069, from 252,326 in 1918 to \$472,395 in 1919; and corresponding exports \$214,560, or 191 per cent from \$111,845 to \$326,405. This showing was the more remarkable since the operation of the National Prohibition Act practically cut off in 1919 the former valuable trade in spirits

wines and liquors for beverage purposes.

A still more prosperous year for 1920 is indicated by the returns for the six months ending June.

During the first half of the current year the total exports from the United States to the Virgin Islands amounted to \$1,499,825, and imports into the islands from foreign countries \$300,449, aggregating \$1,800,274. Imports into the United States from the islands were valued at \$1,025,456 and exports from the islands to all other countries at \$96,166, or a total of \$1,131,622. This left a balance of trade against the islands of \$668,052 for the first half of 1920, against a corresponding balance of \$356,987 in 1919 and \$643,083 in 1918.

These apparently unfavorable balances may really indicate greater prosperity for the islands. This is due to the fact that ships stores and fuel oil for bunkering purposes were not included in the exports, while all of the oil and the bulk of the provisions afterwards sold as ships stores were included.—*New York World.*

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Christiansted Theatre

WEDNESDAY

November 3, 1920

8.00 P. M. SHARP

PROGRAMME

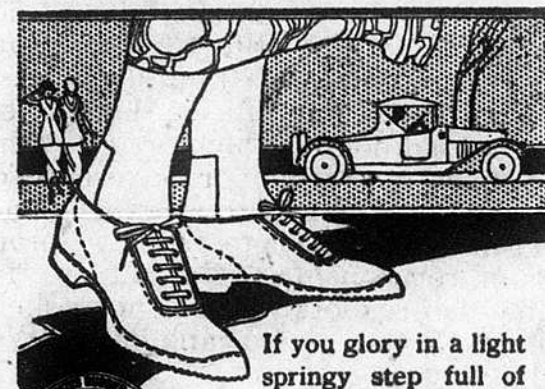
1. Selection by the Navy Band.
2. 1st Reel of Comic Picture.
3. Selection by the Navy Band.
4. Introductory by Chief Sanitation Officer.
5. Illustrated Lecture by Sanitation Officer.
6. Intermission.
7. Stereoptical Views of the Virgin Islands.
8. 2nd Reel of Comic Picture.
9. 1 reel comic.
10. Star Spangled Banner.

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