

of the town to facilitate the fishermen and the people at that end.

1st. Member for Christiansted Country District (*Stakemann*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The law of July 11, 1911 says that fresh fish can be carried around and sold. By what authority any public officer takes upon himself to break this law, some people do not follow the law, they just go ahead and do as they please; no man has not the right to put aside the law as he chooses. Another thing I want to bring to the notice of the Government is the question of the commissions, the Colonial Law in Section 3 says "The Colonial Council shall appoint the School Commissions" and the other commissions". I sat in this chair four years ago and year after year I had the commissions appointed. I may perhaps have to ask the Government to remit the fine which may be imposed on me tomorrow as a result of a charge preferred against me by the Sanitary Department. I want to state truthfully that I am not agent for the property in question and it is for that property that I am being prosecuted.

1st. Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have been listening for a long while. I understand that the commissions were abolished and now the question has come up, I think for the safeguard of the community and the Government itself and for the sake of the young men who are coming down here we should have the commissions back again; if we have the commissions back these young men can get information from the older heads, and that can be done by meeting with the various commissions. I move that 1st Discussion on the bill be closed.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (*Abramson*) seconded the member's proposal.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Coulter*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The proponent is willing to withdraw the ordinance if the commissions are appointed and would function; therefore it is only left to declare that the commissions are appointed, but not functioning, but would in the future. If that is the case I don't think there is any use going further with the ordinance if the member is willing to withdraw his bill.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Stakemann*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. According to the Rules of Business if I withdraw the bill any other member has the right to bring it up again.

The Chairman remarked: For the information of the Honorable Members, I have here a copy of the ordinance passed on the 10th of August, 1907, which is carrying out the instructions in the Colonial Law, and that is what I stated from the first; that this law was passed by the Council and sanctioned by the

King. The members of the Municipal Committee are members of the various commissions.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Stakemann*) remarked: That ordinance only provides how commissions are appointed.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I believe we can get to an understanding if the Government will instruct the heads of the various departments to work in harmony with the commissions.

To be continued.

LOCAL.

Schooner Creole arrived here this morning with local St. Thomas and some overcarried New York registered mail which came via Barbados from where there were also some letters. Creole returns to St. Thomas with outgoing mail tomorrow at 8 a. m.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, Feb. 25th.—There were no sales in the raw sugar market today. Prices were quoted at 4½ for Cubas, cost and freight, equal to 5.77 for centrifugal. Refined was steady at 7.75 for fine granulated, with a good demand noted. Trading in futures was quiet at noon prices were 3 points net higher on coverings.

Berlin Feb. 25th.—Dr. Simons German Foreign Minister today warned political adventures "Against attempting any coup d'Etat the possibility of which in connection with the Allied German Conference in London next week has been discussed. He declared the Govt. was conscious of its authority and would promptly crush any outbreak. Speaking at a plenary session of the Imperial Economic Council during the day Dr. Simons declared exports were unanimous in their conviction that Germany would be unable to pay the annuities demanded by the allies under the Paris agreement or bear the twelve percent export tax provided for in the proposals framed by the Supreme Council. He declared the Govt. was hopeful of arriving at a solution which would prove even more suitable to the needs of the Entente than the Paris proposals.

London Feb. 25th.—The Turkish delegation to the Near East Conference here accepted today the proffered arbitration of the Supreme Council between Turkey and Greece, in determining the Status of Smyrna and Thrace. When the Conference assembled this morning the Turkish representatives made this announcement, and stated they were agreeable to the suggestion of the Allied Govts. that a Committee of equity be appointed to verify the Status on population of the districts in question. Notice was given by the Turks that they would

reply at five o'clock this afternoon to the other points at issue concerning the treaty. The question being asked of both the Turks and the Greeks by the Supreme Council is whether they are prepared to accept the result of such an invitation by the Allies regarding Smyrna and Thrace, subject to the acceptance of the remaining terms of the Turkish peace treaty.

London, Feb. 25th.—Bekir Samy Bey, chief of the nationalist delegation who has definitely taken the place of head of the Turkish delegation to the Near East Conference, reiterated this afternoon acceptance by the Turks of the Allies' suggestion for the appointment of a commission to determine what disposition is to be made of Thrace and Smyrna and asked for time to communicate with Ankara, respecting other parts of the Treaty of Sevres affecting the economic life of the country. He said he hoped to obtain a reply by Monday and the Conference acceded to the request. Mr. Lloyd George assured Bekir Samy Bey that the Allies would carry out the investigation with complete fairness and impartiality and decide the question at issue between Greece and Turkey on the principles of justice. No reply was received from the Greeks with respect to the proposal by the Allies for revision of the Sevres Treaty, to be based upon the findings of the Thrace and Smyrna investigating commission; it is expected however, the reply will arrive by Monday evening, by which time, it is believed, the Turks also will give their answer. Bekir Samy Bey announced that acceptance of the Conference proposal was subject to the following restrictions: That an international administration in Smyrna and Thrace be substituted for that of Greece during the inquiry and in this connection it was hoped former officials might be reinstated. That in the event of admission of the Turkish claims, the Turks would agree to a cessation of hostilities with Greece and an exchange of prisoners. That Greece send no new forces or move troops now in Thrace and Smyrna. That the Turks would give guarantees regarding minorities, provided the same conditions were expected from the Greeks. That the investigating commission conclude its investigation in two months, and take into account the number of Turks compelled to emigrate since the Greek occupation. Bekir Samy Bey, at the conclusion of this morning's session, voiced his confidence in the ability of the Turks to continue the struggle if necessary, to a successful termination. Mr. Lloyd George told the Greeks whom he received after the departure of the Turks, that the Allies ideas are that the armies remain as they are, and promised a decision within two months. Meanwhile guarantees would be given for the security of the minority of the population of the Greek and Turkish territories.