

the first amendment was withdrawn and another proposed in its place. In the second amendment are included everything contained in the first; it gives the Governor the power to make extensions to these companies for periods not exceeding five years, from time to time as long as it may be necessary.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have read Government's amendment carefully and it seems a good workable plan, it authorizes the Governor to extend the time for five years at a time, I don't suppose there is much more to be said. I propose that Government's amendment be accepted and that 1st discussion be closed.

2nd Member for Christiansted town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I think it is better to make clear which of the amendments has been withdrawn. We have two amendments before the House, there may be misunderstanding as to which has been withdrawn.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) There cannot be a mis-understanding; the first amendment is withdrawn.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town: Which is the first amendment?

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) read the amendment.

Despatching Secretary (*Rappolee*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If I may I will read the first amendment and point out certain things there we want to cure. (The Speaker read the amendment referred to) and continuing said, — In the first place at the expiration of the first amendment there is no extension at all, it simply after a named date, gives the Governor the power to exempt insurance and assurance companies from application of this section of the Code for a period of five years.

read the last paragraph of the second amendment) and said.—That's a continuing authority in the Governor's hands as long as your Code lasts.

The Chairman asked the Despatching Secretary: Do I understand by the last paragraph that the Governor will grant extensions?

Despatching Secretary (*Rappolee*) answered: It gives him the power to grant them.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) would like to know why it is necessary to give continuing authority?

Capt. *Clarke* said,—Mr. Chairman. I am in a position to answer. As the bill now stands the Government does not derive much revenue from these companies. Say five years from now business down here may be such that gold mines and oil wells were discovered Government might lose revenues, but if there is a continuing authority the extension could be granted for a shorter period without having to come back to the Council.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town

(*Canegata*): Will the Colonial Council be still in existence?

Captain *Clarke*: The law will be in force.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town:

(*Canegata*): What is in existence now might not be in existence then.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: If we get an extension for five years these companies can operate for five years, but if the Governor sees fit to uphold the time he may do so. I think the amendment is reasonable and should be accepted without any question.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): Do I understand the Honorable last Speaker to say that he hasn't the second amendment?

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*): I have both.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (*M. M. Skeoch*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not think we should delay this matter any longer, the hurricane season is coming on. I move that 1st Discussion be closed.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town: (*Canegata* remarked: Mr. Chairman. Why I raise that question is, it seems to me that at the expiration of five years if the companies forget to make application the matter would be dead.

The motion made by 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (*M. M. Skeoch*) that 1st Discussion be closed was put to the vote and carried.

1st Discussion closed.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Robt. W. Sheoch*) proposed that 2nd Discussion come on today.

The Chairman remarked: It is necessary to have a three-quarter vote of the House for 2nd Discussion to come on today.

With Government and the Council's consent 2nd Discussion opened.

The amendment was put to the vote and adopted.

No one requesting the word 2nd Discussion closed.

With Government and the Council's consent 3rd Discussion opened.

The Chairman remarked: It is the desire of Government that this bill be passed as quickly as possible so as to protect the people who are holding hurricane insurance.

No one requesting the word 3rd Discussion closed, the Secretary (*Canegata*) read the bill as amended and the Chairman put same to the vote.

13 members voted for; none against.

The Chairman remarked: The bill as passed will go to Government.

(To be continued.)

OBITUARY

A cablegram received here yesterday brought the sad news of the death at

Basseterre, St. Kitts, B. W. I., of Rev. Archibald Theodore King, Moravian minister there, which has evoked widespread sorrow among his former parishioners here and the many friends of himself and family. Mr. King was a man of middle age; had been twice married, and leaves behind a widow and four children to whom, his sisters, and others bereaved by his lamented passing away we extend heartfelt condolences.

Miss Viola Bjælke, nurse at the Municipal Hospital here, died this morning after a lingering illness. Of a very modest, quiet and affable disposition, the deceased was much liked by those with whom she had to deal.

LOCAL

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the Wharf this evening.

The S. S. Bolivar sailed from New York Sunday morning having 33 tons of cargo for Frederiksted and 97 tons for Christiansted.

The "Creole" from St. Thomas arrived yesterday morning and returned in the evening with a cargo of 23 calves consigned to Lockhart's Butchery. She brought and carried mail.

Carrying wreaths and flowers the children of the public schools with their teachers marched in procession down King St. and up Company St. yesterday to the cemetery where the floral offerings were placed on the graves of friends, and soldiers, accompanied with the singing of "Hail Columbia" and "Flowers of the Grave".

The performance of "Prince Askazuma" at the theatre last night was very entertaining, and was well attended. Same will be repeated this evening with a change of programme at reduced prices. The performer offers a gold ring to anyone who can tie him so securely to a chair that he cannot free himself.

The pictures screened at St. Mary's Hall were as usual attractive and well presented. Another episode of "The Blue Fox" was shown among other items on the programme. The attendance was satisfactory.

A shower of rain which we almost regard as a phenomenon so long we have been without it, is falling as we go to press, and the appearance of the skies would lead us to hope that it will continue.