

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that the Letters Patent which were recorded in the United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C., on September 19, 1922 in the name of John V. Rice, Jr., assignor to Rice Gas Engine Company of Bordentown, New Jersey, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and patent certificate No. 1,429,254 issued therefor, has this date been registered in the Office of the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands of the United States at St. Thomas, in accordance with the provisions in the regulations governing the registration of Patents and Trade-marks in the Virgin Islands, approved 30 June 1920.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Thomas, June 5, 1923.

J. J. GAFFNEY,
Government Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

5. Letter from Government date May 23, reading:

23 May, 1923

The Honorable,
The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of St. Croix,
Virgin Islands.

Sir:—

The Colonial Council is advised that pursuant to Sections 17 and 35 of the Colonial Law, as amended by the Act of the Congress of the United States approved March 3, 1917, general elections to fill vacancies in the Colonial Council were held 11 and 12 May, 1923, and the Government has been officially advised that the results of the election were as follows:

1. For Christiansted's Town:
D. C. Canegata 2nd Member.
For Christiansted's Country District:
Holger Jessen 1st Member.
Halvor Berg 2nd Member.
2. For Frederiksted's Town:
D. Hamilton Jackson 1st Member.
For Frederiksted's Country District:
G. B. Fleming 1st Member.
F. Andersen 4th Member.

The Government has been further advised that all persons elected have accepted.

By virtue of the power conferred by Colonial Law, the Governor has appointed Messrs. F. Coulter, D. S. Armstrong

and A. R. McIntosh as First, Third and Fifth Appointed Members, respectively, of the Colonial Council, for the elective period, in accordance with sections 17 and 35 of the Colonial Law, and appointments to reckon from 10 May, 1923.

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Colonial Law, an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix is hereby convened for Monday, 4 June, 1922, with the Order of the Day as follows:

1. Examination of Patents of elections.
2. Election of Council's Officials.
3. Election of members to the Municipal Committee and the several Commissions.
4. Such other business as may be regularly brought before the Council.

Respectfully,

HENRY H. HOUGH,

Governor of the Virgin Islands.

The Acting Chairman remarked: In consequence of this the meeting has been called today.

Item 1.

Production and examination of Patents of Elections.

All the elected and appointed members were present (except Member Fleming) and had handed in their patents of election and appointments. The Council separated into two divisions and each division elected its speaker in conformity with Paragraph 2 of the Rules of Business. The one division elected 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) and the other 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch). The patents of election and appointments were handed to the respective divisions by the Clerk to the Council, and after they were examined the respective speakers declared that they were in order. Said patents and appointments were then handed to the Acting Chairman who announced the names of the respective members and on behalf of the Council declared all of them entitled to sit and vote in the Council.

The members thereupon took their seats and two new members, Halvor Berg and D. Hamilton Jackson, signed the oath prescribed in Paragraph 47 of the Colonial Law.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Acting Chairman. If I may be allowed I might state that Member Andersen is down on his patent of election as 2nd Member. He is 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District, not 2nd Member; and all the appointments should be dated the 14th instead of the 10th of May; for instance, Mr. Coulter was defeated on the 11th day of May and his appointment is dated the 10th of the said month, consequently he was appointed before he was defeated. The date of all the appointments should be the 14th of May instead of the 10th.

The Acting Chairman in reply to

the last speaker said, —Government announces that the necessary changes will be made.

The Acting Chairman remarked: Member Fleming has been reelected to the Council but he is not present today.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) inquired of the Acting Chairman whether the necessary corrections have been made in the appointments?

The Acting Chairman answered yes.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) entered the meeting at this stage of the proceedings.

Item 2.

Election of Council's Officials.

Election of a Chairman.

After the voting tickets for the election of a Chairman had been collected by the Acting Secretary 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) drew the attention of the Chair to the fact that he had deposited two tickets in the ballot box.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) said, —Mr. Chairman that's tricks. The Council should stand on its dignity. The Acting Chairman held back the vote for the sole purpose of allowing a member to come in and vote, and another member called back the Acting Secretary and put in another voting ticket after he had voted already.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll): Mr. Chairman. I protest against the charge of engaging in any trick practice. I inadvertently put in a second ballot as the result of the interruption in the voting—and if it was for the purpose of trickery I would not have announced my error to the Chair before the ballot was counted. I object to the remarks of the Honorable member carrying such accusation.

The Acting Chairman declared the tickets invalid and a new voting for a Chairman was in order.

16 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected was 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin) with 11 votes.

The Chairman Merwin took the Chair and remarked: Honorable Members, I thank you for re-electing me Chairman of this Council. I appreciate the demonstration of confidence reposed in me by the majority. I deem it an honor and will endeavor to serve as faithfully as I have in the past.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The s. s. "Guiana" on her way to New York is due at Frederiksted at 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

2½ lines of rain was measured at the Fort this morning, and 1 line at Frederiksted.

The s. s. "Romania" is due on schedule time, having 15 tons of cargo for