

United States Press Representatives' Visit To St. Croix, Virgin Islands, U. S. A.

THURSDAY February 21st, 1924.

AS REVIEWED BY BUMBLE BEE EN ROUTE

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(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

The next plantation on the left is the dismantled "Lower Love" works, powerful factors of that day, formerly owned by Messrs. Bartram Bros. of New York and ably managed by Captain A. J. Blackwood until the concern was sold in 1912 to the West Indian Sugar Factory interests, who have dismantled the works and have carried the canes grown upon the acreage of the concern to the Bethlehem Sugar Factory. To the right is estate "Adventure" also with a history, but we must hurry on. As we mount the gradual incline we view upon the right, estate "Golden Grove", nestling among the trees, the stately country residence built in 1890 by Captain Blackwood as the Great House of Lower Love concern and in which he and the late Mrs. Blackwood with true southern hospitality lived and entertained for over twenty years. It is now the residence of the Hon. Folmer Andersen, Head Director in St. Croix for the West Indian Sugar Factory, and is now used as the main residence for what is called the Bethlehem concern, a large house which is a credit to the designer and builder. Directly across the road to the north is estate "Castle Bourke" but we will stop here on our return for refreshments. Somewhat further along on the right is Bethlehem residence called formerly "Bethlehem New Works", for old Bethlehem is now again New Bethlehem and the home of Mr. V. Wuff, a second Director resident here of the West Indian Sugar Factory. Many a story could be told of this old house, but again for want of time we must cast our eyes to the left to view the Bethlehem sugar works the largest Sugar Factory in the island erected about 1904 under the direction of Director Carl Lachman who is still head of the corporation though residing in Copenhagen. Here is located the most up-to-date machinery with every possible appliance that money can buy to improve and economize in the manufacture of chrysal sugar from the sugar cane. Crossing the highway is a diminutive rail-road which during the crop season is busily engaged guiding loaded railway cars filled full with cane for Bethlehem Factory. A few yards further on we cross King's Hill Gut through which in rainy weather the stream used to gush like a mountain torrent. Not a few carriages, in attempting to ford this stream, have become swamped and several persons have lost their lives.

And now we see immediately before us on the right what was in Danish times "King's Hill Barracks", a military station as well as a Police Station and Post Office. Recently, what was used as the military barracks has been turned into the King's Hill Poor Farm although there is no farm connected with the buildings for the site is rather a rocky barren situation on the hill. The New Police Station is down the hill close to the road and the Police Inspector in charge has recently been made Postmaster as a fourth class office and King's Hill Post Office is now there. We are mounting King's Hill, one of the steepest grades on the island over which much traffic flows, this being on the main highway between the two towns. Just after we start up the hill to the left will be seen the pillars marking the entrance to estate "Fredensborg" and which leads to the site of the former palatial residence of the Heyliger family as well as the private burial ground near the house where many of the family were interred. Here lived this branch of the Heyliger family, though much of the time they occupied their London residence where one evening Mr. Heyliger entertained King William IV at dinner, a golden dinner service being used. Money was quickly made in those days for the estate yielded Mr. Heyliger an average crop of 400 hogsheads of sugar which were worth about \$150.00 each at that time, or about \$60,000 and this was the income from the estate as the molasses and rum paid all the working expenses of the plantation, the sugar being shipped to London or Copenhagen for the account of the owner.

Proceeding over the hill and quite close to the road on the left is the small Lutheran chapel erected some twenty years ago, and in the distance to the left, or north is "Midlands Moravian Church" established there in the middle of the eighteenth century. To the right as we pass on and before descending the hill is estate "Clifton Hill" whose early owners were the Markoe family of St. Croix and Philadelphia, Pa. until 1857 when the estate was sold for debt.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL

We have information from the agents at Frederiksted that the landing of the mails from the s. s. "Catherine" last Saturday was not delayed an hour as

stated in our reference to its late arrival in yesterday's issue, and we very much regret any misunderstanding arising out of this matter.

The U. S. S. "Grebe" arrived here

Notices For The A. M. E. Church.

Our community may be bettered, why not join the religious organizations here? Come let us reason on the vital concerns of LIFE. Are you seeking the best of life? This is to the public.

Is our community immoral? Do we have the true ideas of Home, Church, and the great Social Good of ALL? What of your neighbour? What will our children be when they are grown up to maturity? The A. M. E. Church says, "COME, LET THE CLERGY, BUSINESS MEN, EDUCATIONAL LEADERS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND THE LIKE, GET TOGETHER TO MAKE THE MUNICIPALITY GOOD, MORAL AND A HAPPIER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE!

AT CHRISTIANSTED CHURCH

Wednesday night at the Labor Union Hall—
Thursday Monthly Love Feast.

7 30 o' clock.
Friday afternoon. The Choir Rehearsals.

Sunday morning. Early Prayer Meeting.
6 00 o'clock.

" " Preaching at 10:30 o'clock

" " School at 12:30 p. m.

" " Night the regular Holy Communion.

AT GROVE PLACE

Friday night. Class Meeting 8:00 o'clock.

Sunday at noon. Preaching.
" 3:00 p. m. Sunday School.

AT FREDERIKSTED CHURCH

REV. A. C. BOUGH, Pastor.

Wednesday Night. Class Meeting, 8:00 o'clock.

Sunday afternoon 2.00 p. m. Preaching.
Sunday School after service.

To these services all are cordially invited. We want your good words, we wish your constructive help.

HERMAN HØST, Sec.

E. C. S. ROBINSON,
Pastor, P. E.

Quebec Steamship Co.

THE S. S. "PARIMA"

is expected to leave New York on the 13th inst. and is due at Frederiksted on or about the 20th inst., and will be dispatched for Windward Islands.

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yesterday returning to St. Thomas from where she is expected to sail for San Juan, P. R., at 8 o'clock this morning. She brought some European parcel post mail via St. Thomas and carried mails for St. Thomas, Porto Rico and the United States.