

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.00. THIS EVENING 8.00

6 REELS

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Continuation of the Great Serial

"Lass of Lumberland"

ADMISSION

Reserved Seats.....30 and 40c
General Entrance.....20c.
Children 20 and 10c.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) received 3 votes and 4th Member for said District (Ramsay) received 1 vote.

As substitute 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) received 6 votes, 2nd Member for said District (Jorgensen) received 4 votes and 1st Member for said District (Stakemann) received 3 votes.

As none had absolute majority vote a free election had to take place for a substitute between 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Jorgensen) and 4th Member for said District (Ramsay).

16 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected was 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Jorgensen) with 10 votes.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) received 6 votes.

(To be continued.)

EDITORIAL.

We have information that Dr. Longfield Smith, agronomist in charge of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Anna's Hope, has tendered his resignation of that position expected to take effect June 30, a. c. The Dr. purposes removing to Florida where he will follow agricultural pursuits for his own account, and be better situated to place his growing children within the educational opportunities open to them on the continent. Dr. Longfield Smith came to this island more than ten years ago to assume charge of the Government Experiment Station then just established, and has resided here in that connection ever since. During this time he has won the goodwill of the people of this island, and proved himself a most able man for the position to which he was appointed, discharging the duties thereof with a never tiring zeal and energy. A graduate of English and German universities, Dr. Longfield Smith is one of the most educated men we have on the island, a man not alone well informed from the scholastic point of view, but in every practical sense one from whom all of us can learn something outside of his particular profession in

which it is only too well known that he has contributed valuable advice in numerous lines, especially along cane cultivation, he being the one to introduce the S. C. 12/4 which has yielded such splendid results wherever tried. It is sadvised that the Dr. will still retain the St. Croix agency for the Ford Co. after his departure from the island, the management of this being held by our popular Mr Douglas Armstrong. We have only good wishes for Dr. Smith and trust that success and good fortune will attend him and his family in their new home.

The circus company expects to leave our shores by the Raporel or some other steamer tomorrow. In bidding its allant manager Mr. Lowande and his troupe adieu we should not fail to thank them for the diversion their visit here has afforded the community, and to hope that their efforts have been remunerated sufficiently to induce them to make another call in the near future. We wish the company success in its next move.

LOCAL.

The circus company will give its last show tonight, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Marine Service Club as advertised. The patrons of the club and its friends will of course patronize this show especially.

The "Lass of Lumberland", the current serial, will be continued at the Christiansted Theatre this evening. Attention of the movie fans is invited to the programme published in this issue.

The Creole arrived here this morning from St. Thomas with St. Thomas and Porto Rico mails.

Correspondence

St. John's Rectory
31, May 1921.

Mr. Editor,
I have been much too busy within

the last few days to find time to reply before this to the "much ado-about-nothing" correspondence that has arisen out of a letter that showed one "Enquirer" to be ignorant of the ordinary meanings of the word "pontiff" and "pontifical". I am certainly under no obligation to furnish any one with information that may readily be obtained by consulting a dictionary, particularly when it is evident that the enquirer is quite sure that he already knows the answer.

"Enquirer" has now himself given a "plain answer" to his query, and given it with an assumption of infallibility that would suggest that the "Pontiff" in the sense in which he uses the word—is now resident in St. Croix and to be identified with "Enquirer" himself!

The truth is that the words "pontiff" and "pontifical" have other meanings besides the specific ones that, it appears, "Enquirer" and "An Amused On-Looker" regard as their only meaning. This was discovered by "Another Enquirer", but, he may however, be assured that whatever bridge-building my bridge-builder" may have taken in hand, it is certainly not the *Pons Asinorum*, particularly in the absence of "Another Enquirer" himself or in the lack of assistance from him.

A standard dictionary—Webster's New International Dictionary—may consulted—without any or "some difficulty"—at the Public Library. This dictionary gives as a meaning of "pontiff"—"a bishop"; and of "pontifical"—"Episcopal". Where then is the incongruity of any church (or member thereof) claiming to be *Episcopal* using the term "pontifical" with reference to its bishops? Further, the same dictionary assures us that even in that church whose earthly Head is known as the Sovereign Pontiff, the term "Pontifical Mass" means "a Mass celebrated by a Bishop" (the italics are mine). And this is precisely the meaning with which the phrase is constantly used in the Anglican Communion.

The latter part of "Enquirer's" second letter shows that he is so utterly out of his depth that it is useless to deal with it beyond asking a question.

If "Enquirer" has erred over such a simple word as "pontifical" and therefore also with respect to his inference therefrom, is there not a strong presumption in favour of the conclusion that he will have blundered still more badly over the more difficult ecclesiastical terminology he now employs and in the conclusion at which he has arrived?

Will "Enquirer" and all other enquirers—provided that they are not merely captious questions—accept a standing invitation to come to my home at any time and discuss with me any church matters about which they may be in doubt and about which they may consider I have taken an untenable position?

HUBERT FIGOTT.