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CANE VERSUS BEET SUGAR.

Why English sweet and jam makers prefer beet to sugar is explained in *Sugar* for July 1919.

The prejudice appears to be due to the fact that pure white beet sugar has always been cheaper and procurable in larger quantities than refined cane sugar.

Cane sugar which is not absolutely pure is inclined to be hygroscopic, that is quick to absorb moisture. When boiled some cane sugars are stated to be very liable to bacterial action. This feature is a disadvantage in jam making.

To refine all low-grade cane sugar it would be necessary, says the article referred to, for most of the English refineries to be rebuilt, or else new ones erected to produce economical work and returns of a high percentage, unless the syrup trade extends which is unlikely in Great Britain.—*Agricultural News*.

It is stated in the *Cuba Review* for July 1919, that great efforts are being made to increase the output of the Cuban manganese mines. The manganese ores occur principally in sedimentary rocks such as limestone, sandstone and shale, but in the more heavily mineralized localities the ores are associated with masses of siliceous rock locally termed 'jasper and bayate'.—*Ibid.*

FOR SALE

White Lime delivered in town from Estate Southgate Farm at 60 cents pr. barrel.

CATHRINE LUDVIG

Provisional Ordinance.

WHEREAS, Under and by virtue of Section 4 of the Colonial Law (No. 124) published at Amalienborg, April 6, 1906, it is provided among other things as follows:

"In extraordinary circumstances the Governor has authority to issue Provisional Laws or Ordinances."

AND, WHEREAS, by Section 2 of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide a temporary Government for the West Indian Islands acquired by the United States from Denmark", etc., approved by the President on the 3rd day of March, 1917, it is further provided in said Act as follows:

"That, until Congress shall otherwise provide, in so far as compatible with the changed sovereignty and not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, the laws regulating elections and the electoral franchise as set forth in the code of laws published at Amalienborg the 6th of April, 1906, and the other local laws in force and effect in said Islands on the 17th day of January, 1917, shall remain in force and effect in said Islands"

AND, WHEREAS, the rate of exchange for an American dollar into francs of the currency of the said Islands has, on October 15, 1919, suddenly advanced from \$1.04 to \$1.27-1/2.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. W. Oman, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, formerly known as the Danish West Indian Islands, under and by virtue of the aforesaid laws, considering extraordinary circumstances as now existing, in view of the increase in prices of necessities of life, incident to the aforementioned advance in the rate of exchange, hereby determine and by this proclamation do announce that it is essential, in order to provide sufficient means whereby the employees of the Government of the said Virgin Islands of the United States may obtain sufficient necessities of life under the salaries now paid to such employees in the currency of the said Islands, and in order that the public good will be promoted thereby, to add to the salaries of said employees, do hereby authorize and direct, effective immediately and until otherwise provided, that there shall be added to the salary of each employee of this Government such further amounts, in local currency,

in addition to such salaries as will equal the difference between the normal rate of exchange (\$1.04) and the rate of exchange existing when such salaries are due and payable. The budgets for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and for the Municipality of St. Croix, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, are hereby increased in the amounts necessary to provide for the aforesaid payments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed.

Issued in St. Thomas, this 17th day of October, 1919, A. D.

(SEAL)

J. W. OMAN.

By The Governor

C. C. TIMMONS
Government Secretary.

Thus duly passed and approved at the 3rd Ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council held Monday, October 20, 1919.

D. C. CANEGATA. ROBT. MERWIN.
Secretary. Chairman.

The above Provisional Ordinance is hereby sanctioned and approved.

Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States at St. Thomas the 27th day of October in the year 1919.

(SEAL.)

J. W. OMAN.
Governor.

Reward Offered.

A REWARD of Francs 50.00 is hereby offered for the apprehension of the well known prisoner Thomas Williams, alias "One-hand Tom", who escaped from Richmond Prison on Friday evening October 31st a. c.

Frederiksted Police Office, November 8th 1919.

JOHN L. CURRY,
acting Director of Police.

LOST.

ONE MILLER TIRE AND TUBE WITH SPARE RIM, size 31 x 4. Any one who can give information leading to recovery will please report at this office.