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We copy the following by request of "The Herald" of the 14th of Oct. 1919:

"The Agronomist in Charge of the Agricultural Station, in his reply to our question in Friday's paper, concludes his letter by asking some questions, and then making the assertion that the Experiment Station is not a farm in the general sense. In reply we shall be brief, as it would not do to prolong the exchange when the arguments of the other party, though very ingeniously prepared, is sophistical throughout. We put forth the following to prove that the Director of the Station (new name Agronomist in charge) is trying to get away from the point at issue.

1. We asked. How many of the small growers received copies of the Reports? This is answered in yesterday's letter from Dr. Longfield Smith by saying that the Reports were read to "The Agricultural Society of St. Croix" and that copies of the printed reports were sent to Council Members and to all planters, etc.

2. We asked. If the distribution of tops was gratuitous, how many of the small holders got of these valuable tops? This question the Director answers by saying that the distribution was partly gratuitous, but for the main part the tops were sold to augment the scanty income of the Station. Is this answering the question? We only ask.

3. We asked: "Has the Director seen maize grown at Est. "Green Quay" 20 or 30 years ago? This is answered in yesterday's issue by the Director stating that his statement in that matter was based on facts. Certainly, that is as far

as he knows, but if he was not acquainted with the circumstances 30 years ago, his statement only becomes fact as far as his own experiments are concerned.

We stated it as a fact that this island has produced an excellent quality of maize long before the Experiment Station was established. The Director says in the issue of Thursday 9th. that the quality of maize has been raised by the Experiment Station. In yesterday's issue the Director tells us that that statement is made as a fact. Here we are; both statements are facts.

4. The Director justifies our remarks that it is strange the planters do not heed to advice when it is to their benefit. This is an index finger pointing at the intelligence of those planters who are not the Director's personal friends.

5. We stated: "The Experiment Station is not what it was intended". The Director thinks this sounds strange. Well, truth is always stranger than fiction especially when we mix up the term *experiment* with what is in reality *demonstration*.

The "intention" of the Experiment Station will become known now while under the Federal Government, as it will not be a little school for two or three planters, but one for the good of all who plant.

6. We repeat the Experiment Station at Anna's Hope is, in our opinion, a farm in the sense, with this exception, the manager in charge has a laboratory to his command. Now that the Federal Government has it in charge, we hope it will not extend the "work" done under the former regime, but begin an entire new work that will benefit the whole island, and not one or two of the special friends of the present Director.

From what has been done for Pto. Rico through the research work on the island, and the experiments by the Department of Agriculture, we are sure the work in this island has received a great push on when it was taken under the Federal Department of Agriculture."

GOLD TRIMMED COFFIN FOR LILLIAN RUSSEL.

ACTRESS SURPRISED BY \$27,000 PRESENT FROM AN ADMIRER, A PHILADELPHIA UNDERTAKER.

Atlantic City, Aug. 27th. --Lillian Russell has received many gifts from admirers during her theatrical career. She

admits it. But to-day she received one that took her breath away.

Standing on the lobby of her hotel, she was approached by a friend who was accompanied by a gray-haired man, who was introduced as D. H. Schuyler of Philadelphia.

"I have been an admirer of yours for many years," declared Mr. Schuyler "I would like to show my appreciation with a little gift. It is worth \$27,000.

"Oh isn't that grand" replied the fair Lillian.

"Yes, I think you will like it," replied Mr. Schuyler. "It's the most beautiful and costly article in my establishment. I am real proud of it, and it is my desire that it should go to one whose artistic temperament would recognize the fine craftsmanship it represents."

"Now, don't keep me guessing, What is it?" inquired the actress.

"A gold trimmed coffin," replied Mr. Schuyler.

Mr. Schuyler is in the undertaking business. --Port-of-Spain Gazette.

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