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MITES AND LICE ON POULTRY.

Parasites such as lice and mites cause considerable loss in the poultry industry by reducing egg production and hindering the growth of all classes of poultry.

The common poultry mites in the West Indies are known by the name of nimble; they are entirely nocturnal in their attacks on fowls, hiding in and about the roosting places during the day and swarming out to prey on the birds at night. A cheap and effective method for destruction of these pests is most desirable.

According to *Farmers' Bulletin*, No. 801, of the United States Department of Agriculture, experiments made by F. C. Bishop and H. G. Wood have resulted in the discovery of such a means of control. They claim that sodium fluoride, if properly used, will completely destroy by one application all the lice present on any bird.

Two methods of treatment are recommended; the birds may either be dusted or dipped. If dusting is adopted, it is advised that pinches of the powdered sodium fluoride be placed among the feathers close to the skin on the parts most frequently attacked. Dusting may also be carried out by means of a shaker, but is said not to be quite as effective besides being likely to cause more irritation to the nose and the throat of the operator. The authors however seem to conclude that the application of sodium fluoride by means of dipping is the most effective manner of controlling and destroying these parasites. For the purpose of dipping, from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 oz. of commercial sodium fluoride is dissolved in a gal-

lon of tepid water. It is readily dissolved by stirring. In dipping the fowls, the wings should be held over the back in one hand, and the fowl quickly submerged in the solution, leaving the head out, while the feathers are thoroughly rubbed with the other hand. The head is then ducked once or twice, and the bird is then released. It is not necessary to keep the fowl under water longer than twenty to thirty seconds, and the head only an instant.

It is estimated that the cost of treatment works out in America at a little less than one cent per bird.

The solution though destructive to the mites does not produce any ill effects on the fowls, beyond occasionally some temporary irritation of the air passages, but it should be remembered that the material is rather poisonous if taken into the stomach.—*Agricultural News*, 4th Sept.

AUCTION.

AT the request of Lawyer STAKEMANN on behalf of the parties concerned the auction advertised for Thursday the 14th of October 1920 of the **Property No. 23 in Company Street in Christiansted** belonging to MISS SUSAN BOUGH is hereby **postponed until**

Tuesday the 26th October 1920
AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Christiansted's Vendue Office, St. Croix, October 13th 1920.

Fee: Fr. 5.00 }
Say Five Francs }

WILH. JENSEN.

\$5 Royal Bank Of Canada Note

was by an oversight accepted at this office on Saturday 11th instant, and as it cannot be exchanged at the Bank here and has not the value of U. S. money the person who paid it in is kindly requested to call and redeem it.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, Oct. 14, 1920.

B. R. LARSEN,
Postmaster.

ORDER OF THE DAY

for the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix, MONDAY, October 18, 1920, at one o'clock p. m.

1. Production of Copies of minutes of the Municipal Committee for the quarters ending Jun and September a. c.
2. Colonial Council Bill No. 49. Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 49, Resolution introduced by Government, authorizing the sale by auction, for the highest bid in each case, of Lot No. 15 East Street and Lot No. 36 Fisher Street in the town of Christiansted.
3. Colonial Council Bill No. 50. Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 50, Draft of Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, introduced by Government, authorizing the payment of Fres. 60,000.00 from funds in the Municipal Treasury, not otherwise obligated, to the Telephone Fund for the purpose of effecting repairs and new installations.
4. Colonial Council Bill No. 48. Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 48, Draft of Additional Money Bill, to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, introduced by 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood), Grants to Native and Industrial Brass Bands of Christiansted and Century Brass Band of Frederiksted.
5. Election of two men to serve with the Collector of Customs and his Deputies in fixing the export values of cotton, rum and molasses.
6. Election of a Jury Commissioner pursuant to Title V, Chapter 12, Section 4 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to join the Jury Commission.
7. Discussion on Colonial Council Committee's Report on the Report of the Congressional Commission.

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, October 12, 1920.

F. COULTER,
Vice-Chairman.