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MAPLE SUGAR AND SYRUP PRODUCTION.

The United States Department of Agriculture, under date of May 10th, has issued a short bulletin concerning the maple sugar production of the United States, which, while not very large, forms an item worth consideration, and the bulletin is quite interesting. There have been nearly 20,000,000 maple trees tapped in the United States during the last four years, and there has been made from them each year practically ten millions of pounds of sugar, or say one pound for each two trees, and in addition to this there has been made an average of about four million gallons of maple syrup. These figures thrown together and counting one gallon of maple syrup as the equivalent of eight pounds of sugar, we have an average yield equivalent to forty-four million pounds of sugar, or 22,000 short tons, which would give an average of sugar, and syrup counted as sugar, at eight pounds per gallon, of nearly two and a quarter pounds per tree.

The State of New York leads in maple sugar production and is reported as producing slightly over fourteen million pounds last season, and but twelve and a quarter million pounds this season. Vermont comes next in magnitude of crop with nine millions of pounds last year and over eleven millions this year. The average yield per tree in New York was 2-4 pounds last year and three pounds this season; Vermont giving 1-8 pounds per tree last year and two pounds this year. The quality generally was reported as good. It appears somewhat surprising that West Virginia should

have given four pounds per tree last year and 2.6/10 this year, and even these figures are surpassed by Maryland for last year, with a yield of five pounds per tree, and this year but 2.6/10.

Thirteen of the States of the Federal Union are reported as producing maple sugar with a total of 24 million pounds this year. The extreme of production would seem to meet in Connecticut with the lowest production, and in New York with the highest, but New York is a very large State and the bulk of it lies west of the Hudson river.

We presume that, as usual, this limited quantity of maple sugar and syrup will be expanded many times by adulteration with glucose and cane syrup. Years ago it was brought to our notice that a leading grocery house sent back to the New England town of one of its partners in order to get old newspapers that had the New England mark on them, which papers were intended to line the barrels and give the general air of pure New England maple sugar to a decidedly mixed production. Perhaps these parties have repented of their sins and perhaps now all the maple sugar and syrup offered has become genuine, but we doubt it.—*Louisiana Planter*, 22nd May.

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized Rev. R. G. BARROW to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of St. Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States St. Thomas June 8, 1920.

C. C. TIMMONS,
Government Secretary,

ALL kinds of artificial floral designs for funerals and weddings; such as wreaths and bouquets, can be had on short notice from C. A. GENROW, Floral Artist, who lives upstairs of the old Armstrong place in Queen's Street.

Executive Order No. 10 1920.

1 Executive Order No. 14-1918 is hereby revoked.

2. In the future all prisoners discharged from Richmond Penitentiary, who have served for a period of six months or more shall be furnished with:

- 1 plain suit of clothes.
- 1 shirt and one cap or hat.
- 1 pair of socks and one pair of shoes.

3. Prisoners discharged from Richmond Penitentiary who have served therein one year or more shall hereafter also receive twenty five francs in cash for each year or portion of a year over six months that they were incarcerated in said penitentiary.

4. Prisoners discharged from Richmond Penitentiary who have served therein for a period of less than one year shall hereafter also receive such sum in cash as may be ordered by the Director of Police, but not to exceed francs twenty five.

5. The expenses incurred by virtue of paragraphs 2, 3, and 4, hereof shall be paid from "Maintenance of Police Department".

6. Such cash payment shall be made by check from the Despatching Secretary's office upon voucher signed by the prisoner being discharged, and approved by the Director of Police.

J. W. OMANN,
Governor.

St. Thomas, V. I. U. S. May 28, 1920.

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