

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.30 THIS EVENING 8.30

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Notice to Consumers of Electricity in Christiansted.

Consumers of Electricity are hereby informed that the rate for electricity temporarily has been raised to 30cts. a K. W. H.

This raise, which will take effect for electricity consumed from October 1st, has been necessitated by the prevailing high prices on Oil and other commodities consumed by the Power Plant.

Respectfully,

D. W. I. Electric Co.
EINAR SVENDSEN.
Manager.

The s. s. "Guiana" on her way to New York via St. Thomas, passed this port this morning bound for Frederiksted.

WEATHER REPORT.

San Juan, Bar. 29.90 Ther. 80, N.E. Vel 6, partly cloudy.

St. Thomas, Bar. 29.88, Ther. 78, E. Vel. 6, partly cloudy.

St. Kitts, Bar. 29.86, Ther. 70, N., Vel. 4, rain.

Dominica, Bar. 29.86, Ther. 72, N. E. Vel. 2, cloudy.

St. Lucia, Bar. 29.84, Ther. 74, S.E. Vel. 4, partly cloudy.

Barbados, Bar. 29.88, Ther. 74, E. Vel. 4, cloudy.

Port of Spain, Bar. 29.86, Ther. 74, calm, clear.

Curacao, Bar. 29.82, Ther. 78, E., Vel. 2, clear.

St. Croix, Bar. 29.96, Ther. 84, E., partly cloudy.

Rainfall for past 24 hours, 0.

To The Editor of the St. Croix Avis.

Sir,

I am forwarding you, herewith enclosed, a copy of my reply to the Editor of the Herald in answer to his criticisms

of the Experiment Station in the Herald of yesterday's date.

Will you kindly copy this letter in your paper?

Planters and others are hereby cordially invited to come forward with their criticisms of the Experiment Station.

I am,

Yours faithfully
LONGFIELD SMITH.
Agronomist in Charge

To the Editor of the Herald.

Sir,

I have read your Editorial in the Herald of yesterday's date and take pleasure in giving you the information requested.

There would appear to be a considerable amount of misunderstanding and misinformation concerning the Agricultural Experiment Station, in the community, and I welcome the opportunity of correcting it. So long as enquiries are made courteously and the Enquirer shows a genuine desire for information I shall be pleased to reply to any questions which may be put to me through the medium of the local papers.

1 The Annual Reports issued in past years were always read and discussed at meetings of the Agricultural Society of St. Croix, a Society which should never have been discontinued. The discontinuance of the Society occurred about three years ago when labour agitation seemed to make Planters oblivious to all other interests.

The meetings at which the Reports were read were always duly advertised in the local papers and all interested were cordially invited to attend whether members of the Agricultural Society or not. The Reports were printed in Copenhagen and copies were distributed about a year after being read. The copies were sent to all Members of the Legislative Council, to all Planters that we thought even remotely likely to read them and to all applying for them. Between 150 and 200 copies of each Report were thus distributed in the Island.

2. The distribution of Cane Cuttings from the Experiment Station in the past has been partly gratuitous but for the most part the cuttings have been sold. Payment was absolutely necessary in order to augment the scanty income of the Station and enable the work to be continued.

3. My statement made as to our Experiments with Maize is strictly in accordance with fact and I have nothing further to say on this point.

4. Lack of interest among the Planters in the work of Agricultural Experiment Stations seems to occur everywhere in the earlier years of their establishment. After a varying length of time, say 15 or 20 years, this indifference usually changes, and I venture to predict that the same will be true of St. Croix. The indifference seems to be due to Farmers getting into a rut in their work and blindly following the routine methods of Agriculture handed to them by their Fathers. They resent the idea that a mere Man of Science with little practical knowledge of farming, should presume to teach them anything concerning the business which they have been practising all their lives. To keep Planters out of this rut requires the stimulating influence of Science which gives interest and even excitement to the work of farming. The education of a Farmer must be a scientific one. The younger generation of Farmers who have had this Scientific education realise fully the benefits of Experiment Station work and in the States, they apply to their Experiment Stations in all their difficulties. It has taken many years however to accomplish this result. To get the same result in St. Croix, an Agricultural School where Science is taught ought to be established, so that the younger generation may grow up with minds broadened and wit sharpened.

5. With regard to S. C. 12/4 Cane, Planters do appear for the most part to see already the advantages of planting this cane, but they cannot yet get the cuttings, as there is not sufficient in the Island to supply them. Many Planters and some Squatters, now have small areas of this cane on their Estates and will doubtless continue to propagate it.

The work of raising new varieties of cane is slow and arduous, and for one success there are hundreds of failures, nevertheless the hundreds must all be propagated, reaped, weighed, analysed, and selected for years, before the final judgement can be pronounced on them.

6. Your remark that it seems strange Planters do not follow our advice when they are so valuable that they can add a quarter of a million dollars or so to the value of the Island's Sugar Crop is justified. It is strange. I venture to assert again here, that our single advice to plant only sound pieces of cane is capable, if followed correctly, of adding at least this amount to the value of the