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SUGAR NOTES.

In Colorado they are watching sugar prices with eagle eyes from the watch tower of hope for they paid \$12 a ton for beets with the expectancy that sugar would at least bring 11 cents a pound whole sale and the price is down to 9 cents just now. The farmers are getting great returns. An exchange reports one of the men near Fort Collins as having 125 acres of beets whose average yield was 16.46 tons and his money return \$197.40 per acre or \$24 685.83 in all. It is possible that beet prices will have to go down. —Louisiana Planter.

The Java sugar buyers are credited by an authority with having displayed exceedingly fine business ability during the time sugar prices were soaring. They were not lured on by the will o'-the-wisp of 50 cent sugar, but when American prices were going forward they contracted with buyers at 18 and 23 cents a pound and saw to it that early shipments were made. The contracts were made on banker's credits and even after the slump they consulted the bankers again that the new crop would be financed smoothly. It is believed by them that the market will be rather stable and not as turbulent as it was in the past year. —Ibid.

The British West Indies have been on the job with their sugar output as evidenced by the report of the imperial commissioner of agriculture. The Antigua factory manufactured 10632 tons of sugar from 93,793 tons of cane. The St. Kitts factory had a yield of 9,978 tons from 86,732 tons of cane. Antigua

had to grind up 8.8 tons of cane for one ton of sugar as compared with 9.3 tons in 1919. St. Kitts ground up 86 tons of cane for one ton sugar, which is better than the 1919 record, which shows 9.2 tons cut up. An exchange vouches the information that the sucrose recovery of the West Indies compares favorably with that of Java. At St. Kitts there is a registered advance in efficiency of milling work but at Antigua there has been a decline largely attributed to the fact that the management is desirous of getting the crop through on time —Ibid.

The use of boneblack in sugar refining dates back to 1812, when Derosne introduced it for the first time. This refining material has been on the increase but in late years has tripled in cost. The Germans have used substitutes known as Kieselbuhl, a sort of Fuller's earth which was impregnated but nothing replaces the old bone black for decolorizing though Norit, Eponite and even saw dust impregnated with mineral bases and salts have been used with considerable success. —Ibid.

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Each debtor of tax will be subject to a fine Frcs. 1.00 if the tax be under Frcs. 25.00 and Frcs. 2.00 if the tax be Frcs. 25.00 or above, beside the ordinary levy expenses.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, December 30, 1920.

For the Governor.

C. W. FOX,
Despatching Secretary.

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FROM THE POLICE.

IN accordance with the Ordinance of 14th November 1908 § 3 all owners of firearms in Christiansted's Jurisdiction are hereby notified that a new sign must be taken out for 1921 before the 15th of February a. c.

Christiansted Police Office, St. Croix, the 29th December 1920.

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