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Says the *Trinidad Guardian* in a recent number:

Another praiseworthy effort to establish the manufacture locally of an article in general use is to be found in the announcement that the well known firm of Clemens, Dyers and Cleaners, have started the production of inks for writing purposes. The colours now on the market are black, blue-black, blue, violet and red. Sample bottles of these ink have been sent to the office of the *Trinidad Guardian* and tests which we have made show them to be good quality writing fluids of clear tone, ever flow, and rapid drying properties. The red ink might with advantage be strengthened in colour, but it has the good point of being without the stickiness usually found in this variety. Messrs. Davidson and Todd are the sole distributors for Trinidad and Tobago of Messrs. Clemens's inks which are sold in two ounce and sixteen ounce bottles.—*The Dominica Guardian*, Sept. 18th.

Like everything else rum is becoming quite a luxury in these parts. Here in Dominica, when the writer was a youth a pint of rum could be got for 4½d. In those days the "mountain dew" was as common as water. Upon his return from British Guiana in 1884, one could get an "Eugene" then the best among common stuff, for six pence. In the days immediately preceding the war, this same stuff was selling at 9d. per pint bottle; but now it is one shilling. But this is nothing to be compared with the increase in the price of rum in some of the other colonies near by. Demerara, for instance, the price of rum used to be 40 cents per



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gallon in pre-war days but this price has advanced to \$2 per gal., plus the duty of \$3 and storage rate of 16 cents a month. Thus a hogshead of 55 gals. which used

to cost, including duty \$191.40, is now selling at \$342.50, an advance of \$151.10. Still the people drink rum as before.—*Ibid.*