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COAMO SPRINGS TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED

Electric Lights and Running Water to be Installed and an Addition Built

COMPANY GETS NEW LEASE

Gets Control of 100 Acres Surrounding Hotel; Condado Also to be Enlarged, is Reported.

Extensive improvements at Coamo Springs are definitely planned by the Porto Rico Hotels Corporation, including the installation of electric lights in the present hotel building, running water for the guest rooms and possibly an addition either to the present building or a separate building for guests or possibly a group of cottages. Wells also are to be dug so that the hotel will be supplied with fresh water in addition to the medicinal waters of the springs.

These improvements have been definitely determined upon as a long time lease has been obtained on approximately one hundred acres of land surrounding the present hotel property. The improvements in all probability will be completed before the beginning of the next winter season.

So far only rough sketches of the improvements to be made have been completed, but it is said that the company intends to preserve the present character of the springs and that whatever buildings are added will conform with the old structure, which will be extensively repaired.

The improvements have been determined upon in order to meet the increasing demand for accommodation at Coamo

Springs. Frequently this winter, the hotel has been forced to turn away guests particularly over the week-end and this is taken as an indication that the Springs will be increasingly popular from year to year.

While these improvements have been under consideration for a long time it was impossible to make any definite decision regarding them until after a new lease was obtained on the property. The Porto Rico Hotels Corporation, which operates the Hotel Condado Vanderbilt, has been operating the Coamo Spring Hotel for three years or so, but until recently was not able to get a long lease on the Spring property. With the signing of the new lease recently, definite plans were made for improvements which have long been under consideration.

At the same time it is understood that plans are now being considered for an enlargement of the Hotel Condado so that its accommodations may be very much extended. These plans, however, have not been definitely formulated and it is probable that no definite decision will be reached until the close of its first year of operation. It is said to be the belief of the hotel company, after its few months of operation, that the present building will be wholly inadequate to accommodate guests who wish to stop there, and that plans must be made for enlarging the hotel for the future.

The hotel building was designed so that additions could be built and it is understood that those who originally invested in the project are prepared to finance extensions to the hotel building as soon as its success had been definitely determined. While for many weeks following its opening the hotel was only scantily patronized owing to poor transportation from the mainland, for several weeks the hotel has been completely filled and on several occasions has been compelled to reject patrons.—*Porto Rico Progress.*

CENTRALS AGREE TO SELL LOCAL SUGAR CHEAPER

Will Sell at New York Prices less Freight for Local Consumption; Agreement a Compromise.

Sugar centrals in the island have promised to sell sugar for local consumption at the New York price less freight. This announcement was made

Wednesday by United States District Attorney Martin who has had the subject of reducing the price of sugar for local consumption up with the centrals for several weeks.

At the time the Federal Grand Jury was in session some weeks ago, it is understood that the question of an investigation into the cost of making sugar was under consideration as a part of the plan to reduce the cost of living.

While no official statement has been made on the subject, it is understood that some of the centrals were very much disturbed over the possibility of having an investigation of their production costs and that the proposition to lower the price of sugar for local consumption was a compromise suggested and which was agreed to by most of the centrals and District Attorney Martin. Until this week white sugar had been selling at retail at \$0.20 per pound. By the new agreement with the centrals it is expected that sugar for local consumption will be considerably reduced.—*Ibid.*

AUCTION.

At the request of Lawyer Stakemann on behalf of Mr. M. Borgesen will be offered for sale at a public auction to be held at NO. 32 IN COMPANY STREET IN CHRISTIANSTED on

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The 20th Of March 1920

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