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RICE PRICES DOWN NEAR PRE-WAR BASIS

If Consumer Benefits From Slump it Will be First Staple to Reduce Living Cost

THREE MONTHS SUPPLY HERE

Claims Against Rices Recently Received Result in Heavy Losses to Mills and Brokers.

People who eat rice probably will be able to buy a cheaper rice during the next three months than at any time during the past four or five years. Rice prices, for medium quality grain, have dropped as much as five cents per pound, in some instances, during the past few weeks. It is believed that rice which was retailed to the consumer two months ago at from 12 to 15 cents per pound, during the next few weeks will be as low as eight cents per pound retail.

There is probably in the island and afloat 350,000 pockets of rice, a sufficient supply under normal conditions for at least ninety days. If this rice is sold to the consumer at prices based on the current market, a large quantity of rice will be sold at a loss to the importer, but at considerable gain to the consumer.

The rice market commenced to decline early in June and since that time has been more or less on the toboggan. Large quantities of rice were then on order for shipment to Porto Rico, a considerable quantity of which was held, up owing to strike conditions here, but which has since been delivered. In the

meantime the market has gone down and rice which at the time it was purchased had a market value of ten to twelve cents is now worth from six to eight cents.

On a considerable volume of rice that has reached Porto Rico in the last two or three weeks there has been an actual decline of \$5 per bag, or five cents a pound, since it was purchased.

Various explanations are given for the decline in the rice market. One is that the mills in the States and rice brokers have on hand a considerable volume of medium and low grade rices which they have been unable to dispose of and the new crop rice will be in harvest in a very short time. Probably 100,000 bags of rice have been consigned to Porto Rico since the slump in the market in addition to rices which were on order. This has rather glutted the rice market here and it is said that there has been a great deal of money lost by rice mills and dealers as a result of the slump.

If the low prices are passed on to the consumer this will be practically the first instance in which the consumer will be able to buy a staple commodity at anything like a pre-war price.

Because of the slump in the market a great deal of rice which has arrived here in the last few weeks has been rejected and in many instances the mills and brokers have made very large concessions to the purchaser. The market conditions have changed to such an extent, however, that there are many claims unsettled and it is understood that some of the mills will suffer large losses when they liquidate the claims now pending.—*Porto Rico Progress, July 23rd.*

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COUNCIL



Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Thomas July 14, 1920.

C. C. TIMMONS,
Government Secretary.

The New St. Croix Savings Bank.

THE Members of the New St. Croix Savings Bank are hereby notified that the 39th Annual General Meeting will be held at the office of the Institution on FRIDAY AUGUST 20th AT 4 O'CLOCK P. M. at which a statement of the transactions for the year ending March 31, last will be laid before the meeting and election of Trustees take place.

Christiansted, St. Croix, August 2, 1920.

By Order.

T. J. STRIDIRON,
Accountant.

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