

attention by his re-  
 friends of his  
 Alexander Ham-  
 influence on the forming  
 American republic stands  
 more prominently to-day than  
 any period during the past  
 century. The state documents  
 which he prepared, without pre-  
 cedent or guidance, stand to-day  
 as lighthouses to guide our lat-  
 est day statesmen thru troubled  
 seas of statecraft.

It has been said that the West  
 Indies never produced a great  
 man. This, of course, relying on  
 the fact that Hamilton was of  
 Scotch and Huguenot descent and  
 born a British subject. But ad-  
 mitting all this why not give  
 credit where credit is due? Ham-  
 iltion was born in the West In-  
 dies and his home was in St.  
 Croix until he went to the colonies  
 to complete his education. Nor  
 is Hamilton the only product of  
 the West Indies to adorn the  
 pages of history. From the is-  
 land of Martinique a few miles  
 south of St. Croix comes Jose-  
 phine, Empress of France. She  
 may not appear to us as a glit-  
 tering example of statehood,  
 but she was the product of an  
 age which differed greatly from  
 the sentiments of the present  
 time. She was possessed of pow-  
 ers which appealed to the au-  
 dacious Corsican artilleryman, and  
 it was thru his marriage that he  
 received the assignment to com-  
 mand the Italian invasion, which  
 led directly to power and ulti-  
 mately to the throne of France.

**Marines in Swell Quarters**

Saint Croix was policed by a  
 detachment of American Marines  
 and they were quartered in the  
 governor's palace. I visited them  
 in their palatial quarters and one  
 of them kindly showed me around.

Under Danish rule the governor  
 general resided in St. Thomas six  
 months and in St. Croix the bal-  
 ance of the year. This accounts  
 for the state buildings in the two  
 places. The palace or governor's  
 building at St. Croix while some-  
 what denuded of furnishings by  
 the retiring Danish Government  
 still retains many features of in-  
 terest. The furniture remains,  
 and the walls are decorated with  
 enormous paintings of members  
 of the Danish royal family. The  
 chandelier are all of frosted glass  
 displaying the Danish coat of  
 arms and the fresco work and  
 carvings in most cases represent  
 a crown. In an upper room is a  
 mammoth bed, of hand carved  
 mahogany, with a towering head-  
 board and the bed itself was of  
 such ample proportions that I  
 wondered that the marines did  
 not lay out a base ball diamond  
 and use the headboard for a  
 backstop.

Noticing so many paintings of  
 kings, and the various insignias  
 of royalty I asked my guide how  
 they managed to call on a king  
 full.

"Oh we leave out the kings  
 when we play poker," he re-  
 plied. "Some of the boys are  
 so blamed shifty they try to  
 ring in some of the kings on the  
 wall, so we leave out the kings  
 entirely."

**Tropic Problems**

As I have said before we, as a  
 nation, have little knowledge of  
 the tropics, nor are we familiar  
 with colonization. Circumstances  
 have led us into it. We acquired  
 these islands as a measure of pro-  
 tection. We need control of the  
 Virgin passage for below lies the  
 Panama Canal with \$400,000  
 American dollars invested. In ac-  
 quiring the harbor defenses of St.  
 Thomas we also acquire some 30-  
 000 people who will become citi-  
 zens in a year. We will have a  
 social problem on our hands and  
 we will have an educative prob-  
 lem, which will probably be en-  
 lightening to both sides before we  
 are thru with it. The Virgin Is-  
 lands present a problem all of  
 their own. They are as unlike  
 the Porto Ricans as day is from  
 night. The Porto Ricans are un-  
 like the Santo Domingans, and  
 they in turn are unlike the Mex-  
 icans. Yet all are a problem in  
 themselves. To protect our in-  
 terests and foreign interests we  
 are forced to intervene and as  
 a result we will be repeated-  
 ly called upon to restore order.

The best solution to these  
 problems is the school  
 system. The school  
 system is the  
 only way to  
 solve the  
 problem.

been lost for the good of the peo-  
 ple of the American tropics. Had  
 General Scott planted school  
 houses in Mexico in 1849 we  
 would have less trouble to-day.

Nor should we put the bur-  
 den entirely on our neighbors. It  
 is the duty of every high school  
 in the United States, to teach  
 Spanish. We have enough of  
 dead languages and European  
 languages—let us have more of  
 the language of the Americans—  
 English for northern America and  
 Spanish for southern America. The  
 schools of our country can do  
 more towards cementing the two  
 Americas than all the battleships  
 in the navy. They can sweep  
 away misunderstanding, suspicion  
 and foreign intrigue and make the  
 Monroe Doctrine a fact as well  
 as a name.

Now we are confronted with a  
 constant menace and one which  
 will have to be settled some day.  
 And when that day comes, let it  
 be known that an army of 100-  
 000 men can be raised in Porto  
 Rico alone, and they will be  
 tropic seasoned and good fighters.  
 The standing army in Porto Rico  
 is something like five regiments  
 and when the time comes, watch  
 for them in France and see  
 whether they can fight or not.

No better drilled men in all  
 the United States army can be  
 found than the Porto Rican  
 troopers.

**LOU D. MacWETHY.**

**OFFICIALS HOLD POTATO MEETING**

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 lime stock solution, and add this  
 to the barrel containing the 4  
 gallons of copper sulphate in the  
 30 gallons of water. Pour the  
 lime water in very slowly, con-  
 tinually stirring the mixture with  
 the paddle. It is this thoro mix-  
 ing that increases the effective-  
 ness of the Bordeaux.

This mixture may then be  
 poured into the spray tank thru  
 a copper wire mesh or cloth  
 strainer.

To control bugs, add to 50 gal-  
 lons of Bordeaux mixture either  
 1-2 pounds Paris green or 4-6  
 pounds arsenate of lead, paste  
 form.

Another cheaper insecticide  
 which is as effective as any of  
 the others, is arsenate of soda,  
 made by boiling in 1 gallon of  
 water for 15-20 minutes, 1  
 pound white arsenic, 4 pounds  
 sal soda (washing soda). Use 2  
 quarts of this solution in 50 gal-  
 lons of Bordeaux mixture.

**Recommendations For Spraying and Results**

Vines should be sprayed the  
 first time when they are from 6-8  
 inches above ground with this  
 spray add any of the recommend-  
 ed insecticides. Spraying should  
 be repeated at intervals of 10-14  
 days. Vines should be sprayed 5-  
 7 times during the season.  
 There is no danger of injuring  
 foliage by too much spraying.

The standard horse drawn pow-  
 er sprayer developing pressure of  
 75-150 pounds is recommended.  
 Sprayers should be given good  
 care, wash out tank and nozzels  
 after each day's work with sev-  
 eral gallons of water. This will  
 save much time which is usually  
 lost thru tinkering with clogged  
 nozzels and dirty pumps.

The benefits gained from spray-  
 ing are threefold, first, the con-  
 trol of late blight, secondly the  
 reduction of the loss from insect  
 pests, thirdly, the increase yield,  
 due to the stimulation of the  
 potato vine and the lengthening  
 of the growing season due to ap-  
 plications of Bordeaux mixture.

The New York Agricultural Ex-  
 periment Station at Geneva has  
 carried on experiments in potato  
 spraying over a period of ten  
 years. They found that by spray-  
 ing three times during the sea-  
 son, the average increase yield  
 of sprayed fields over unsprayed  
 fields was 69 bushels per acre,  
 when fields were sprayed seven  
 times the average increase in yield  
 was 97.5 bushels per acre. In  
 co-operation with farmers, with  
 experiments under actual farming  
 conditions, the average increase  
 in yield was 36.1 bushels per  
 acre.

The average total expense of  
 these sprayings was \$4.72 per  
 acre and the average net profit  
 from spraying was \$14.43 per  
 acre. These experiments were  
 carried out in years when pota-  
 toes were selling at only 55 cents  
 to 60 cents a bushel.

These experiments and figures  
 show beyond any doubt that it is

practicable to spray pota-  
 toes in New York State.

In years when it is not hot and  
 dry for blight to be destructive,  
 the increased yield of sprayed  
 fields over unsprayed fields net  
 a substantial profit to the farm-  
 ers, due to the effect that Bor-  
 deaux mixture has in stimulating  
 the vines to a more vigorous  
 growth and lengthening the grow-  
 ing period.

The New York State Food Sup-  
 ply Commission will make a great  
 effort to enable the farmer to  
 obtain spray materials at rea-  
 sonable prices. The county rep-  
 resentative of the Commission  
 and the field assistant for this  
 county, will hold meetings in the  
 potato sections of the county,  
 and urge that all farmers be pre-  
 sent to discuss the best methods  
 of spraying to get the most  
 efficient results.

**AGRICULTURE**

If it is true that "an army  
 travels on its stomach" It is up  
 to the farmers to furnish trans-  
 portation.

Milk will sour this summer, of  
 course, but that won't affect its  
 value for cooking. Save the  
 waste.

Every weed takes from the soil  
 some three hundred times its  
 weight in water during the sea-  
 son. Cultivators conserve mois-  
 ture.

If you have no silo and need  
 one, its construction ought not to  
 be put off. Silos were never  
 needed so much as they will be  
 this coming winter.

Housewives interested in pre-  
 serving fruits and vegetables by  
 drying should send to the U. S.  
 Department of Agriculture at  
 Washington for Farmer's Bulle-  
 tin 841.

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 den it will pay to have a wheel  
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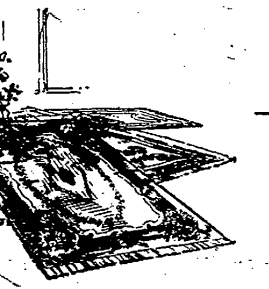
him, he made the mistake of se-  
 lecting the Erie Railroad.

Dolan was lying on the track  
 north of Piermont when railroad  
 employes came along. How  
 long before there will be a train

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