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The Club House Camp at Cape Sable

CAPE SABLE

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IN my former article I mentioned the Vice President of the United Fruit Company who was one of Mr. Untermyer's guests in his houseboat at Cape Sable, but an error made his name appear as Minor C. Whitney which should have read, Minor C. Keith. I do not know what Mr. Keith's impressions of the Cape Sable country were, but it would be a fortunate occurrence indeed for South Florida if his interest should be aroused in this region, for Mr. Keith's life has been spent in tropical development projects of great magnitude, and he has stopped

at no obstacles that have come his in way. The name of Minor C. Keith is one to conjure with in South America where he is best known. Besides being "the father of the banana industry" he has achieved distinction as a builder of railroads through fever-infested swamps and almost impassible mountain ranges to reach the rich fruit lands of the interior. The things he has accomplished in South America would make the comparatively simple problems of South Florida development seem easy to a man of such vast resources of indomitable will and purpose as he.

The second day of our visit at the Cape was one of our normal perfect days and we started early in the Ford with Mr. Powers and Mr. Livingston as guides to show us the country northwest of the camp. Both of these men are thoroughly familiar with this region and enthusiastic about its opportunities. Mr. Livingston, who is an expert Civil Engineer, is well posted about it through the work he has done here. Mr. Comfort, Mr. Bright, Mr.

in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Mr. Burguières, too, seemed to be pretty well satisfied as to the prospects for sugar cane on these lands where a tractor could easily turn furrows for miles of continuous plowing.

As Mr. Comfort and Mr. Burguières were to join the party on the Nirodha before they sailed we hurried back, and after seeing them safely on the launch Mr. Powers, Mr. Bright and myself made another trip in the Ford to the



Bermuda and Other Grasses of the Cape Sable Prairies

Mr. Bright said these were the best grazing lands he had ever seen

Burguières and myself made up the rest of our party in the Ford, and we bowled along at a good pace over smooth prairies for several miles, taking samples of soil and an occasional picture. We saw acres of Bermuda grass about which Mr. Bright's enthusiasm was aroused to high pitch, and he declared he had never seen anything like it in natural pasture lands, though he had seen nearly all of the best ranges

Robert's cane mill and homestead to see about a cargo of syrup that the Magnet was to carry back to Miami. The Roberts families are the real pioneers here, having lived at the Cape for about eighteen years; their healthy children and apparently happy and prosperous home life, augurs well for the settlers that will surely come when railroads and good highways open the country to them.

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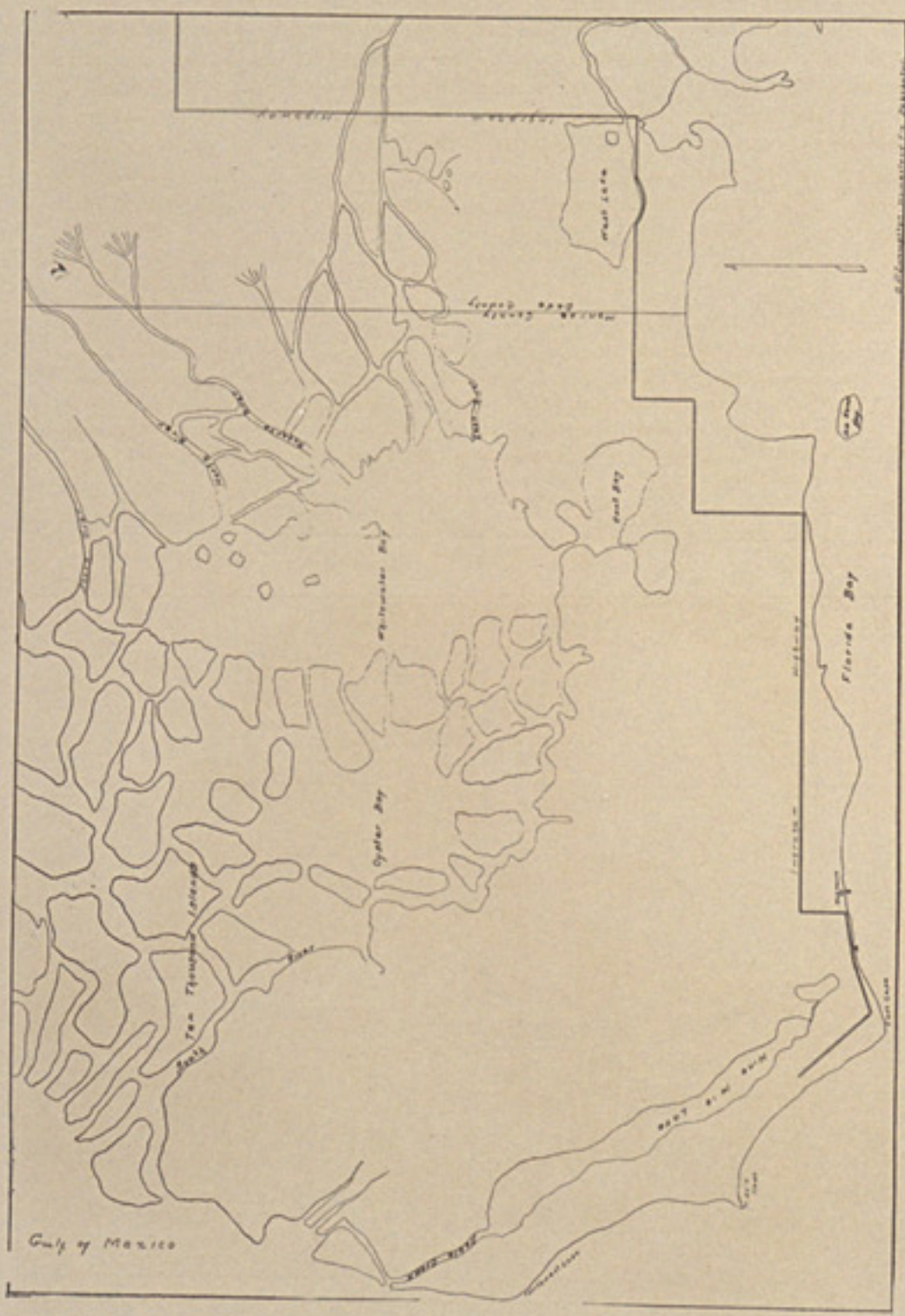
Some Notable People at Cape Sable

Mr. Bright, Mr. Untermeyer, Mr. Comfort, Mr. Smith and Mr. Burguieres
discussing the wonderful possibilities there



Sugar Cane at Cape Sable--One of the Roberts Brothers Cane Fields

Sirup from this cane is made at Cape Sable and finds ready sale at Miami and Key West



Map of the Cape Sable Country, Drawn by A. R. Livingston

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There were delays in getting the cargo of syrup loaded so we did not get started until the next morning and as we missed getting to Long Key in time to take the morning train, Mr. Bright and myself decided to stay with the Magnet on the trip through to Miami. The incidents that happened on this part of our trip would make a story in themselves, and I wish that space would permit me to tell it, but that must go until another time. I will only add that we reached Miami safely, having spent more time than we anticipated on the way, but having had a voyage that I shall always look back to with pleasure.

NOTE—Since writing the above The Pioneer Plantation Co. has been incorporated to immediately plant three thousand acres of the Cape Sable lands to staple crops in response to the present demand of the nation for the increased production of food supplies. As a financial project, this will no doubt be successful in a large way, and as a response to the need of the nation is an example of what may be done in a country of unlimited agricultural resources.



The Roberts Family of Cape Sable

No doctor has ever been needed for this healthy family during the eighteen years they have lived at Cape Sable