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RUBBER EXPERT INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITIES

Government Man Has Been Working at Chap- man Field for 30 Days

Alfred Keyes, government expert, who has had extensive experience in the growing of rubber in commercial quantities in various parts of the world, has been sent to Chapman Field to make an extensive and comprehensive study and survey of rubber production possibilities of this section.

He has been at work for the last 30 days and is believed to have started the ground work for important reports, which will be filed in government channels a little later for the general information of the public.

While unable to discuss his progress at the present time, Mr. Keyes is understood to be preparing for a great deal of detailed work along the lines of developing what many believe will be an important industry in the future in South Florida, particularly as the rubber supply in South America is said to be short, and in view of other reports that rubber production there is a government monopoly.

A recent editorial in the Manufacturers' Record, reproduced together with photographs of rubber trees at Perrine, stressed the importance of a thorough investigation of the situation here. The government, however, had already acted in the matter, and the experiments are well under way in this county.