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September 26, 1923.

Subject, - Rubber Trees.

Mr. J. E. Ingraham, Pres.
Model Land Company,
St. Augustine, Florida.

Dear Mr. Ingraham, -

Further in reply to your letter of the fourteenth instant regarding rubber trees which were planted by the Company in 1897 during the settlement of the claims of the Perrine Grant with the United States Land Office.

I took Mr. W. A. Fishbaugh, photographer, down to the Perrine Grant last Saturday, as we have previously advised you, and he took several photographs of several rubber trees, which photographs we are enclosing under separate cover.

The photographs were taken of trees located on the following property, -

X 1239, - On the property of A. P. Long in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20-54-41, this property facing on the Hardee Road just North of the Ingraham Highway.

X 1240, - This photograph was taken on the property of Thomas Mitchell on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23-55-40. The house faces South and there are three large rubber trees, one on the South, one on the West and one on the East side of the house and the house is completely covered by their foliage. The tree on the West side of the house does not show in the picture.

X 1242, - This large rubber tree is located in Mr. Charles Deering's Hammock at Cutler.

X 1241, - Was taken on the property of E. C. Mills, (The old Mann place), located on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23-55-40, on the South side of the road running from Perrine to Cutler and just a short distance East of the Ingraham Highway. This photograph was taken in order to show the root system of the tree. This tree was planted, we understand, the same time as the others but it is not nearly so large.

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X 1237,
X 1238,
X 1243.

- Are three views of the same tree located on the property of James D. Fowler on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29-55-40, being about one fourth of a mile West of the Ingraham Highway at Ferrine. This tree is the finest specimen of any that we saw and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler are very proud of it. We wish to call your special attention to photograph of X 1243 so that you may note the roots that have dropped down from the limbs and taken root in the ground. You will note a large one in the foreground so that it makes a splendid support for one of the large limbs. You will note in the picture that Mr. Fowler has placed sticks and in one case surrounded one of the roots by a box to keep the children from swinging on them so that they may take root and support the large limbs as was intended by nature.

If you are unable to locate your letter to Mr. Pepper of August 14th, 1918, in which you gave him a great deal of interesting information regarding these rubber trees, we shall be pleased to make a copy of this letter and send it to you. Any additional information that I am able to secure, I shall be pleased to send it to you.

Yours very truly,

PEPPER & POTTER,

This tree has ^{By} a spread of about 125 feet

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Copy to Mr. Burr S. Potter,
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