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Jan., 29, 1931.

SUBJECT: Sugar Cane - Experimental Planting on Marl Soil.

Mr. J. W. Hoffman, Vice-Pres.,
Model Land Company,
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of your letter of the 17th instant we wrote Mr. Holferty, but as we had not received a reply, Mr. Pepper and the writer stopped at his home yesterday when we were down in that vicinity and Mr. Holferty stated he had lost the first batch of cane that was planted on May 28, 1930 as it was drowned out, stating that they had 20 inches of rainfall between June 3d and June 20th and 53 inches from May 20th to July 20th, being practically the average yearly rainfall in two months' time.

Rainfall

About September 15, 1930, Mr. Holferty stated he received 15 varieties of cane from Canal Point, which were planted on his land Southeast of Goulds, and Dr. Sartoris, Pathologist from Canal Point, Fla., brought down another variety and planted it, making 16 in all.

Mr. Holferty informs us Dr. Sartoris and Mr. C. B. Sheffield, the Field Man from Canal Point, came down to Goulds sometime in September and fertilized this cane with 5-8-5 fertilizer, including manganese, the fertilizer being furnished by Mr. Holferty, but applied by the Canal Point men above mentioned.

This cane is planted on a plot of marl land 42 X 140 feet and is now about 24 inches high, and Dr. Sartoris and Mr. Sheffield told Mr. Holferty that it was growing very satisfactorily. Mr. Holferty states he made a memorandum of the exact date it was planted and fertilized but he was unable to find it yesterday, but that if he did find it he would give us the exact data. He also advises that Dr. Sartoris of Canal Point is keeping a record on each variety.

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Yours very truly,
PEPPER AND POTTER, INC.
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