

usually prolific. The fruit weighs about a pound, is oblong to obovate in form, light green, with flesh of excellent flavor and quality. Attention is now being centred on the Guatemalan type at the Miami Garden. A variety introduced from Guatemala two years ago by O. F. Cook of the Bureau (S.P.I. No. 38549) is being propagated, and should come into bearing within another year or two. The variety Nutmeg, (S.P.I. No. 36604) from Honolulu, came into bearing last year, but has not yet had sufficient trial to permit an accurate estimate of its value.

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

Mr. J. H. Cameron writes from Londiani Farms Limited, Londiani, British East Africa, May 1, 1916.

"I wonder if you would be interested to read a few lines descriptive of this extraordinary country in regard to its flora--of its fauna you will of course have read in Mr. Roosevelt's book 'African Game Trails'. I am living in a part where Mr. Roosevelt did quite a lot of his shooting and do quite a lot of it myself; thousands of head of great antelope and other game roam on this estate. I am the manager of a farm of thirty thousand acres situated exactly on the equator; but at an elevation of from eight thousand to ten thousand feet above the level of the sea. On account of this great elevation the climate is most salubrious; I have never known the temperature to rise above 86° F. or drop below 45°. We have a large rain-fall too, so that we can and do grow almost anything.

"On this estate flax is the main industry; we both grow and manufacture the fibre and it commands a price on the London market that compares well with the best Belgian and French flax. On account of the unfortunate destruction of the first named country we are of course experiencing a boom in price. We also raise a large number of cattle, using the native cow as a basis and crossing it with an imported English Shorthorn bull. We shall then breed up from that cross to something better.

"At our nine thousand foot level we work the forests, cutting the timber, most of which is sold in the colony but some we send to England, more especially the cedar, *Juniperus procera*, a splendid tree growing 150 to 200 feet high. We ship it in baulks 12" by 12" up. I do not know what they resaw it into in England, but here we build our houses with it, inside and out; we also saw it up in a special mill for pencil cedar. *Olea hochstetteri* (native name *m'shraghue*), a fine olive: this wood we saw into ties for the Uganda Railway, and for the new railways that our military authorities are