

of 11 tons per acre; pig-potatoes, 1.87 tons: total, 12.87 tons. The cooking test made on February 6, by boiling, showed that the potatoes kept their color twenty-four hours, but they could not be classed as good cookers. The starch content is believed to be high. About the same date one root was lifted, and the tubers were put into running stream water. In less than a month the whole of the tubers had rotted.'

"Despite the negative result recorded in the last part of this report, the circumstances surrounding the growth of the tubers in the Rangitaiki spring may indicate, if only slightly, a possible reversion of this long-domesticated plant to an ancestral habit." (New Zealand Journal of Agriculture, vol. 15, p. 209.)

Notes from Correspondents.

In a letter dated May 1, 1920, Mr. Charles T. Simpson, Little River, Fla., writes:

"I have in my grounds a single specimen of an *Acrocomia* which I received from the Royal Palm Nurseries some seven or eight years ago with the name *Acrocomia totia*. The plant was not in very thrifty condition but was duly planted in the pine land near my house. My experience with the *Acrocomias* is that when young they are slow growers but that as soon as they begin to really form a trunk they push up with astonishing rapidity. This specimen scarcely grew until about two years ago when it began to put on healthy, vigorous growth and is now over 7 feet high, with a trunk diameter at the ground of 9 inches. During this time it has had very little cultivation and no fertilizer except a small amount of seaweed put around it as a mulch. It has never been watered except when it was planted.

"I have two other so-called species of *Acrocomia* in my grounds, *A. media*, which I raised from seed brought from Porto Rico, and a plant named *A. sclerocarpa* from the Royal Palm Nurseries. Five seeds of the former were sent to me from the Department of Agriculture, perhaps eight years ago. As they were very hard I tried the experiment of cracking two of them with a hammer, one of which I slightly injured; the other came up shortly and after some four or more years of slow growth is now pushing ahead at a tremendous rate. Measuring in the bases of the leaves, it is about 2 feet in diameter at the ground, and nearly 26 feet high. It is the fastest-growing palm I have. The other 3 seeds were