

doves or pigeons are consistently noted in the area. The small ground cacti is so numerous that one is forced to remain on the narrow animal path, or suffer the consequences. Goats which are caught at end of peninsula can be corralled and, if desired, killed with rocks.

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This A.M. we visited Mr. Ewen Mc Furlane, who manages the Caneel Bay Resort Plantation. He set up our first trip for tomorrow and we are then to plan our trips by boat for the rest of our stay on St. John. Mc Furlane reports:

1. 85% of the island has been under cultivation at one time (according to Mrazek) but at different times.
2. Amesva on Sandy Cay, Danish
3. After the rebellion, the Estate owners left the country and turned the management over to English, Irish and French supervisors
4. Pearly-eyed thrashers eat tomatoes in the plantations gardens and are a real problem.
5. The mongoose are only occasionally noted away from habitation and at the open garbage pits at Caneel Bay, before incinerator placed in operation, as many as 6 or 7 were noted each day.
6. Ground doves and mountain doves increased at Caneel Bay, <sup>resort</sup> in the last 4 years, especially noticeable in the open fields about the cottages
7. Mongoose are important to the ecology of the island in keeping down numbers of rats etc.
8. There are spiders 6 inches in diameter and body about size of nickel.
9. The Caneel Bay Resort is planning to put in a distillation plant to reclaim fresh water from the ocean. Last year they used 1 1/4 million gallons of water from San Juan at 6¢ a gallon. The new process will supply water at 1/6¢ a gallon.
10. Bats are numerous on Norman Island.
11. Would like us to see virgin stand of timber on Tortola and will make necessary arrangements.

On our trip to Caneel Bay Resort Plantation, via regular road, noted 43 pearly-eyed thrashers. On our return trip counted 53. If one were to walk this route and