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After all this fine weather and with the chill of autumn just around the corner some of us may be beginning to feel how nice it would be to be able to cheat the cold and have a couple of weeks Down South around January. This of course leads to the question "I wonder how things are going on our Development".

Well, some answers have come our way recently in correspondence from Mr. Rocafort to various members of our association, who have kindly supplied the information for us to pass on.

The following then are the main points of information as supplied by Mr. Rocafort in various letters. These are all as quoted by Mr. Rocafort and are "listed" only as a convenient means of presentation. These items have not been edited or abridged in any way and we present them just as received.

1. Mr. Rocafort apologized for the delay in answering correspondence and explained that this was due to the resignation of his secretary and the fact that at the moment he must handle the correspondence himself. However, he is trying very hard to catch up.
2. Mr. & Mrs. Rocafort have not yet moved up to Mount Alexander as he is expecting some machinery parts from the U.S.A. However, he hopes to have everything ready soon.

At the time of writing (July) Mr. Rocafort said, that they were having very heavy rains but that was expected to be over in a few more days.

3. At the time of writing also Dr. Guillis' house was almost finished and he and his family were expected to move in in a few more days, as soon as the painting was completed. The contractor for this house was Mr. Williamson and the price was 25 W.I. dollars per square foot.
4. Another house is due to be started in September by the same contractor (Mr. Williamson) that built Dr. Guillis' house. This house is to be for another Doctor now living in Venezuela.
5. Regarding the building of houses at Mount Alexander; any client mentioned in your survey can begin to build as soon as he may desire to do so.
6. The earth-moving on all roads is scheduled to be completed within the next six months. All roads will then be accessible by a vehicle. The hardtop surface will not be completed while building is going on in each area as this surface deteriorates rapidly with the traffic of trucks and heavy machinery. Consequently the roads to more built up areas will be completed first.



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7. Water pipes and electricity lines will be provided to each lot as soon as the proprietor wishes to start building. Telephone lines will go in most cases on the same poles as the electricity and the availability of telephones will depend on the Telephone Company's availability of lines at the time required.
8. The period of five years stated on our contracts within which a house must be built, is effective from the date of the first payment of the contract. However, extensions will be granted to clients wishing to build at a later date.
9. The cost of building in Grenada is now approximately \$30.00 W.I. per sq. ft. Spanish style clay tiles are rather expensive here and most people use either asbestos or asphalt shingles, these are available in red, black, white and green.
10. The price for building materials vary only slightly from one firm to another. Here are the quotations for some of the items.

## Floors:

Terrazzo, \$1.77 W.I. per sq. ft.

Red clay tiles, \$.33 W.I. per tile 6"x6".

Dunlop rubber tiles \$.84 W.I. per tile 12"x12"

## Roof:

Asphalt shingles, these come in boxes of 30 tiles 12"x36".

Snow white, \$9.21 W.I. per box.

Clover green and Spanish red, \$11.64 W.I. per box.

Asbestos shingles, \$.50 W.I. per tile, 18"x18".

11. Mr. Rapicault's plans for his hotel have been modified and I will be visiting him in Martinique on the 19th of August to finalize all details in order to begin the construction.
12. I thank you for the survey on future building at Mt. Alexander and if there is any further information you may require, I will be very happy to furnish you with it.

The following are quoted slightly out of context as they were mixed with more personal matters but we include them as we believe that they will be of interest.

...."I am most interested to finish the development as soon as possible".

...."I really think that Mount Alexander development is going to be a success and we are now very close to it".

Well, there we are; soon it seems, it will be possible for us to take that "Couple of weeks Down South" and enjoy it in our own "Winter Cottage".

So long for now. Will be back as soon as we have some more news.

Sincerely yours,

*Gordon Myers*