

EDITORIAL.

In this issue results are given of preliminary tests with insecticides against *Secara spp.* (coco-nut tree-hopper). Since this was written the power dusting machine has been received and field trials will be proceeded with as soon as possible, but as it will be some time before these can be completed, the results referred to are published at this stage to show the line of investigation that has been started.

The value of coco-nut improvement by seed selection is dealt with at length and it is generally recognized that in these times of specialization in agricultural practice and keen trade competition, the most careful attention to detail is essential in order to obtain the best from agricultural pursuits.

A contribution on the dwarf coco-nut has been submitted by Mr. Hall, Madang District, and we would welcome further articles, of agricultural interest to the Territory, from other correspondents.