

PRELIMINARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY OF COFFEE  
PROPAGATION IN TRINIDAD

INTRODUCTION

Coffee plantations in Trinidad contain a great mixture of types, and there is very strong suggestion that best use is not being made of the land which they cover. Accordingly a scheme is in contemplation for improving the condition of local coffee plantations by supply of selected clonal material, born of the botanical programmes of the Cacao Research Scheme, and such similar schemes as those actually being carried out with coffee at Lyamungu in Tanganyika and at the Scott Laboratories in Kenya. Such botanical programmes have two parts, namely:

A. Botanical and economic survey aiming at selection of the most profitable trees.

B. Research into methods of propagating these selected trees to give progeny in large numbers which are capable of being equally or more profitable.

Neither division of the programme has any practical value if studied alone, and in the past months attention has been given to both.