

FOREWORD.

Historical.

- a) Agricultural produce of West Indies. Sugar and Cacao.
- b) Lack of labour, Caribs unsuitable. Introduction of slaves from West Africa, cruelty of slave trade and its abolition.
- c) Indentured labour from India; its institution, terms, and its cessation.

Economics.

- a) Foreign competition, protective tariffs and cheap labour.
- b) Professor Shephard's enquiries. Room for enquiries and investigation into the economic situation.

Scope.

- a) The writers approach the problem.
- b) The object of enquiries.
- c) Special line taken. Correlate information required and that obtained by the system of forms.

Method.

- a) Forms designed by Professor Shephard to yield the required information.
- b) Addition and completion of forms.
- c) Maps and segregation of estates into districts, compacting and condensing of figures obtained and construction of graphs.
- d) Results followed up by personal enquiries on estates.
 - i.) Information received.
 - ii) The personal factor, its importance, unprejudiced observations.