

I. INTRODUCTION.

Bananas in Trinidad are important as a shade for and a catch crop between young and old cacao, as a fruit and vegetable in peasant gardens and to a very slight extent as an export crop to North America.

This survey was made in 1950-51 mainly in the Northern and Central parts of the island. Information was drawn from observations in the field, discussions with local people, discussions with members of the staff of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture and the literature from the College Library.