

INTRODUCTION.

In 1942 the Trinidad Department of Agriculture began to build the food storage depot at St. Joseph, for the purpose of storing home grown cereal grains purchased from growers who held a surplus after harvest. The intention was then to store the grain under good conditions until it could be released again on the market at a time when grain was scarcer and the price higher.

During the past twelve years additions and alterations have been made to the equipment at the depot, until today its main functions are the storage of maize and the production of feed for livestock.

Almost all the grain is stored in steel bins that were formerly used for the bulk storage of oil at the Kern Trinidad Oilfields; these consist of four bins of 112 tons capacity, twenty four of 40 tons capacity and eight of $10\frac{1}{2}$ tons capacity; the whole installation being capable of storing up to 1,500 tons of grain.