

Introduction.

Over one and a half million pounds of "dholl", a form of split pigeon-pea, are imported annually into Trinidad from India, this is valued at £10,683 sterling. It was suggested by Mr. Stockdale, Agricultural Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that this large importation into Trinidad should be checked. Acting on this suggestion preliminary work was started in 1932-33 on the College Farm on the selection of a type, or types, of Cajanus indicus suitable for cultivation in Trinidad. It is the intention of the writer in this paper to review the available literature on this subject and to record the preliminary results of this selection work.