

Foreword.

Cacao growing is, perhaps, the most vital industry in Trinidad. Over 200,000 acres are under the crop at the present time, and this area represents approximately one-sixth of the whole area of the colony. At first sight other industries, such as sugar and oil, appear to be of equal importance with cacao, for the value of exported produce from these industries compares very favourably with the value of exported cacao.

Table 1.

VALUE OF EXPORTS OF SUGAR, OIL, AND CACAO INDUSTRIES FROM  
TRINIDAD DURING 1929-31.

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Year	Values of Exports in Pounds Sterling		
	Sugar and Molasses	Mineral Oil Products	Raw Cacao
1929	1,068,321	3,059,651	1,446,127
1930	787,564	2,800,497	1,136,050
1931	918,917	1,956,116	826,333