

## I N T R O D U C T I O N .

An agricultural survey of the areas indicated in Maps 1. and 2. has been carried out. An attempt has been made to ascertain the present utilisation of the land and its future potentialities in relation to the people directly dependant on it.

This has involved an enquiry into the intrinsic value of the soil, the site and situation of the area, drainage and irrigation, systems of land tenure, and the general size and lay-out of holdings etc. Also, as an essential part of the survey, details of the present general farming system have been investigated, including methods of cultivation, products and their disposal, and the influence of the system on the economic position of the peasant. Necessarily, labour questions have been dealt with in this report. In the survey the peasant himself and his family have been considered from the sociological point of view directly, and, indirectly, throughout the report in relation to the foregoing considerations.

Finally, from the facts of the survey and the general impressions gained some suggestions have been put forward to the end that the agricultural potentialities of the areas may be more fully realized and the lot of the people dependant on them thereby improved.