

PEASANT AGRICULTURAL INVESTIGATIONS IN TRINIDAD.Introduction.

A general survey was carried out over a period of nine months from October 1947 on two areas, comprising two distinct types of peasant agriculture. The first type was that found on hill lands as is represented in the Northern range of hills and the second on flat lands, as found in the Northern part of the sugar cane belt. The object was to investigate conditions under which these types exist with a view to being able to suggest possible methods of bringing the land under more efficient control and better cultivation.

It was unfortunate that a full year's cropping was not seen to obtain a better appreciation of the agriculture, especially through the wet season. Further, the convenience of the lower area, in respect of travelling from the College, led to more investigation than is perhaps warranted, since a great deal is known of this type of area. On the other hand, the agriculture of hill areas has not been greatly studied but nevertheless they are important as shortage of land becomes more and more apparent.