

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

In previous years surveys of the St. Augustine and Streatham Lodge area have been undertaken by students as part of their course for the Diploma in Tropical Agriculture at the Imperial College. These surveys have been of a general nature and have covered most of the important aspects of agriculture only superficially. At the suggestion of Mr. C.W. Lynn, Acting Professor of Agriculture at the Imperial College, this report was ^{under} taken to study one particular aspect of peasant agriculture more exhaustively.

The chief objects of the report are :-

1. To record the methods employed by the peasant for keeping his dairy stock; and
2. Recommendations for the improvements of these methods.

The report is divided into three parts -

1. General background information.
2. The local agricultural position in relation to Dairy Husbandry.
3. Recommendations.

Added to these are several appendices and references.

The chief difficulty experienced in preparing this report has been the obtaining of accurate information from the peasants. In some cases this is felt to be due to suspiciousness, while in others, an impish desire to lead one astray. The former probably results from fear of government interference and the latter from many previous encounters with students.

During the collecting of information over the past six months, photographs of interest were taken and selected for inclusion in this report. A fire in Port-of-Spain on 27th April, 1950 inadvertently destroyed all the negatives of these photographs while they were being printed. The writer has attempted to substitute these photographs, some of which are irreplaceable, by a collection made in the space of three days. This collection is by no means satisfactory, but it does show some of the points of interest referred to in the text.