

AN ECONOMIC SURVEY OF PEASANT AGRICULTURE IN THE
LAS LOMAS AREA.

Four post graduate students were asked by Professor Hardy to cooperate in investigating several aspects of agriculture in the Las Lomas area, in the county of Caroni. The soils, the agricultural practices, the social conditions and the economic organization of the area were to be the particular subjects of research for each student. Thus, an almost complete investigation of the main factors affecting agriculture, and their interaction would result.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, three of the students were unable to continue their researches and it was decided to proceed with the study of the economic aspects of peasant agriculture which was the writer's part of the problem. It was realised that such investigation would be one-sided but it is hoped that it will prove of some value to other students who might undertake the study of other agricultural problems in this area in the future.