

## INTRODUCTION.

Prior to 1907, tobacco appears to have been grown  
(1.2.) in Trinidad on quite a moderate scale, especially  
in the Ciparia district, a Havana type being produced. 5

In one year, a Port of Spain cigarette factory took 50,000 lbs. of tobacco, but production eventually ceased, owing to the poor quality of the tobacco for cigarettes, though cigar tobacco continued to be grown until 1912.

Of recent years, with the exception of small areas grown at the Imperial College, little tobacco has been grown in the island, notwithstanding the local demand.

It was emphasized, in an Imperial Institute report \* on some air-cured samples of Hickory Prior and Macedonian varieties, taken from the Imperial College 1929 crop, that Hickory Prior was a flue-cured tobacco, but "results from both samples of Trinidad tobacco show that the island is essentially suitable for growing cigar tobacco", and the use of Cuban seed was recommended.

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In Mauritius, Gold Leaf, Yellow Prior and Burley are favourite varieties for air curing, but Mauritius results have shown that flue curing in the tropics is also possible.