

INTRODUCTION.

The tobacco industry in Trinidad is not a large one, though more interest is being taken at the present time, and the total acreage under the crop is small. There is a fair demand for a medium quality tobacco suitable as a filler for cheap cigarettes and the local manufacturers are prepared to pay a good price.

The industry, such as it is, is typically a sheltered one, and owes its being solely to the high import duty on raw tobacco of about \$1.30. Recently a higher tariff has been imposed on imported manufactured tobacco and this should give an additional fillip to the industry.

Of recent years but little attention has been given to the subject of quality on the College Farm and the system of air-curing precludes the production of really high-grade tobacco. The aim has been to produce a large amount of tobacco of fair quality and it is towards this end that the present experiment has been designed. The question of optimum spacing is all-important, and as no detailed data is available, it was decided to test out various spacings. With this is combined a manurial test consisting of a basal dressing of artificials with variable dressings of nitrogenous fertiliser.