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PREFACE.

This publication is intended to be merely a hand-list of the exhibits of British Guiana, in the various parts of the Exhibition, classed according to the official system. By the preparation and publication, under its own superintendence, of a special illustrated Handbook of British Guiana (Georgetown, British Guiana), giving detailed information as to the general description, settlements, inhabitants, communication, climate, and meteorology, forest products, geology, gold industry, fauna, flora, history, and resources and capabilities of the Colony, the Exposition Committee has obviated the necessity of incorporating here anything of that character, and the reader is referred to that work for all such information. The few notes here given are simply explanatory of the exhibits. A large proportion of these exhibits is official, contributed by the Exposition Committee of the Royal Agricultural and Commercial Society of British Guiana, intrusted by the Government with the carrying out in British Guiana of the arrangements for the Exposition. Other exhibits, made by private exhibitors, are so denoted.

> J. J. QUELCH, Special Commissioner.

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SPECIAL NOTE.

British Guiana lies on the extreme northeastern coast of South America, between one and nine degrees of latitude. As this British colony in South America is, by very many people, confounded with possessions in Africa and the East Indies (Guinea and New Guinea), it is perhaps advisable to note that the name Guiana (pronounced Gue-a-na) is broadly applicable to the great northeastern extent of South America.

British Guiana adjoins on the northwest the Republic of Venezuela (Spanish Guiana); on the south, the Republic of Brazil (Portuguese Guiana); and on the east, Dutch Guiana. In size it is about equal to that of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

On account of its tropical climate and its special suitability for agricultural purposes, British Guiana offers peculiar advantages for many industries. The sugar-cane—the chief staple plant of the Colony—coffee, cocoa, etc., grow with astonishing vigor; rice and corn thrive with equal luxuriance, three, and at times four, crops being obtainable per year; and the common vegetables, such as sweet potatoes, eddoes, tomatoes, yams, cassava, pumpkins, melous, cucumbers, peppers, egg-plants, etc., and such fruits as bananas, plantains, cocoanuts, and pineapples, are producible at all times of the year.

The fiber and tobacco industries and stock-raising offer also favorable fields; while great primeval forests of hardwood and brilliantly tinted furniture wood await development. Goldmining has developed, and become, within the last nine years, the second industry of the Colony.



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DEPARTMENT A .- AGRICULTURE,

Food and its Accessories, Oils, etc.

GROUP 1.

Exhibit.	Exhibitor.
1. Indian Corn, or Maize.	
2 a. Rice, two varieties	John Cheong
b. Pease, two varieties	John Cheong
3. Rice, five varieties, in hull	S. R. Cochran
4. Rice, eight varieties, in hull and cleaned	A. R. Gilzean
5. Rice, eight varieties, in hull and in straw	B, H, Jones
GROUP 2.	
Cassava Bread. This bread, prepared from the root, forms the "staff of life" of the native	
7 a. Cassava Starch.	
b. Daksmabally Starch, said to be curative of d	ysentery,
prepared from the seed of Vouacapoua am	ericana.
c. Greenheart Starch, from seed of Nectandra roo	dici.
8 a. Dakamabally Starch	E. W. Kerr
 b. Tchribi — prepared cassava meal, seasoned 	

GROUP 8.

The sugar industry, from the earliest times up to the present, has been the mainstay of the Colony, sugar, with its allied products of rum and molasses, forming the chief_export. The Demerara crystals are standards in all markets, and with the exception of a few minor estates the factories are fitted with the latest and most scientific appliances for the reduction of the cost and the production of the nighest and best grades. Samples are shown as well of the Muscovado sugar, made by the old copper-wall process, as of the V. P. (vacuum-pan) cane sugars, such as the white crystals, the yellow crystals, the refining crystals, molasses sugar from yellow