

COCOA INDUSTRY BOARD

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER, 1954.



AERIAL VIEW OF THE CENTRAL GRADING AND FINISHING WORKS.

Presented to His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council  
in pursuance of Section 11 (1) of the Coffee Industry  
Regulation Law 1948.

COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD,  
Central Grading & Finishing Works,  
Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.

To His Excellency the Governor, Sir Hugh Mackintosh Foot, K.C.M.G.,  
K.C.V.O., O.B.E.

The Coffee Industry Board appointed under Section 12 of  
the Coffee Industry Regulation Law 1948, Law 43 of 1948,  
has the honour to submit its report for the year ended on  
the 31st of December, 1954.

W. N. HENRY, Chairman,  
F. A. BRISCOE, Secretary.

6th September, 1955.

MEMBERS  
OF THE  
COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD

Mr. W. N. Henry, Chairman.	Growers' Representative
Mr. C. E. Randall	Growers' Representative
Mr. K. A. Munn	Growers' Representative
Mr. E. G. Whitbread	Dealers' Representative
Mr. H. A. Waite	Dealers' Representative
Mr. L. E. Ashenheim	Nominated Member.
Mr. R. C. Bridge, The Marketing Administrator	Official Member.

**BOARD.****Composition.**

The Board consists of seven members — one official member, one nominated member, and five representative members. The official member is appointed from amongst persons holding office of emolument under the Crown in Jamaica. Three of the representative members represent coffee growers, and two represent coffee dealers.

There were eleven (11) ordinary meetings and three (3) special meetings of the Board during the year.

The attendance of members was as follows:—

	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Special</u>
Mr. W. N. Henry .. ..	11	3
Mr. C. E. Randall .. ..	10	2
Mr. K. A. Munn .. ..	11	3
Mr. E. G. Whitbread .. ..	10	2
Mr. H. A. Waite .. ..	7	—
(X) Mr. L. E. Ashenheim .. ..	3	2
The Marketing Administrator ..	10	2
(X) Mr. A. C. L. Delgado .. ..	3	—
(X) Mr. L. E. Ashenheim was granted four months' leave of absence from the 20th May, 1954, and Mr. A. C. L. Delgado was appointed to act for him.		

In addition to the regular meetings of the Board, there were meetings of the following Sub-Committees:—

- Executive Committee.
- Building Committee.
- Agricultural Committee.
- Factory Committee.
- Roasted Coffee Quota Committee.

**Functions.**

The functions of the Board can be stated briefly as follows:—

- (a) to regulate the growing, processing, purchasing, and sale of coffee in Jamaica and the export of coffee from Jamaica;
- (b) to encourage the development of the Coffee Industry and purposes incidental to or connected with the foregoing.

### FUNDS OF THE BOARD.

The Board administers two separate accounts:—

- (i) The Coffee Cess Fund
- (ii) The Coffee Trading Account.

The Coffee Cess Fund is derived from a Cess on exports of Coffee, and is used to meet the administrative expenditure of the Board, to make grants to the Industry, and to assist in financing the purchase of each year's crop, whenever the balance of the Trading Account is insufficient.

At the 31st of December, 1954, the balance of the Fund was £71,122. 14. 0d, of which £65,000 was on Fixed Deposit with Barclays Bank DCO.

The Coffee Trading Account is derived from the profits on the export sale of coffee, and is used to finance the purchase of each year's crop, for works of a capital nature, and to meet the trading expenditure of the Board.

At the 31st of December, 1954, the Bank Balance of the Trading Account was £92,373. 3. 2d.

The Board did not receive any financial assistance from Government.

The rates of Cess on the different types of coffee exported and the amount collected during the period under review were as follows:—

Type of Coffee.	Rate of Cess.	Lbs. Exported.	Amount Collected.
Blue Mountain	2d per lb.	533,815	£ 4,448 9 2
X. Ordinary Raw,	1d per lb.	3,034,042	12,641 16 10
Roasted.	8d per lb.	693,952 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	23,131 14 10
			<u>£40,222 0 10</u>

X. 3,634,473 lbs. of Ordinary Raw Coffee were exported during the year, but a shipment in December, 1954, was not brought to account until January, 1955.

### REHABILITATION AND EXTENSION GRANTS.

During the year under review grants from the Cess Fund amounting to £7,536. 0. 0. were made by the Board as follows:—

1. £6,036 to the Jamaica Agricultural Society for a programme of organisational and educational work in the Coffee Industry.
2. £1,500 to the Yallahs Valley Land Authority for the continuation of the nursery scheme which provides for the free distribution of coffee seedlings in the area. The grant was also to assist the Authority to employ coffee pruners to carry out pruning and demonstration work in the Area.

The cost of construction of the Works, purchase of machinery and equipment was £148,728, and this expenditure was entirely financed by the Board.

### MARKETING

The contracts with the Ministry of Food for the sale of 400 tons of coffee for each of the crop years 1952/53, 1953/54, expired on the 31st of August, 1954. The contracts were not renewed as the Ministry informed the Board that they were not renewing any coffee contracts with colonial producers. The Board now sells on the open market, to the best advantage.

All green coffee, other than Blue Mountain coffee, exported from Jamaica is processed and graded by the Board.

The Grades are as follows:—

FACTORY WASHED	— prepared under uniform conditions by central factories with resulting good colour, slight acidity, and clean cup quality.
TYPE 1	— factory prepared, good appearance, from fair altitude, good clean cup quality with no off flavours.
TYPE 2	— prepared by growers, some degree of fermentation, fair standard of cup quality.
TYPE 3	— a natural coffee prepared by growers, good appearance, cup quality usually hard.
TYPE 4	— a natural coffee prepared by growers, or off quality washed, cup quality may be hard, sour, or groundy.

### PURCHASES FROM SPECIAL DEALERS

Coffee received by the Board from Special Dealers and from the factories for the crop year 1953/54 was 2,803,157 lbs. Comparative figures are as follows:—

For the crop year	1949/50	2,760,816 lbs.
" " " "	1950/51	1,657,393 "
" " " "	1951/52	2,179,063 "
" " " "	1952/53	2,921,381 "
" " " "	1953/54	2,803,157 "

### EXPORTS

Types of coffee exported during the year under review were as follows:—

Raw Coffee	Blue Mountain	Roasted	Total
3,634,473	533,815	693,592	4,861,880

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