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**COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD,**  
Central Grading and Finishing Works,  
Kingston, Jamaica.

To the Honourable J. P. Gyles, Minister of Agriculture  
and Lands.

The Coffee Industry Board has the honour  
to submit its report for the year ended on the  
31st July, 1962.

R. K. AQUART — Manager

F. A. BRISCOE — Secretary

## CENTRAL FACTORIES

The Board's six (6) Central Factories were again in operation during the reaping of the Crop, which commenced in the second week of August, 1961, and ended in the second week of February, 1962. A record Crop of 271,250 boxes of Coffee were processed, and during the peak of the Crop in October, 120,000 boxes were delivered to the Factories. The 1960/61 Crop deliveries to the Central Factories amounted to 163,429 boxes. Details of deliveries by the Co-operative Groups to the Central Factories and disbursements are set out at Appendix 'A'. (The average out-turn of one box of Cherry Coffee is approximately 10 lbs. of Clean Coffee).

The Board paid 19/7d per box (gross) for the 1961/62 Crop, an increase of 1/- per box on the 1960/61 Crop. The Grower received an Advance of 15/- per box and a Bonus of 3/- per box, a total of 18/- per box. In addition 6d per box was credited to his Share Capital Account in the Co-operative Society. 1d per box was paid to the Jamaica Agricultural Society Coffee Growers' Federation Ltd., for administrative expenses, while 1/- per box was paid to the Co-operative Societies for expenses including payment to Coffee Selectors, Secretaries, etc. The Board meets the expenses in transporting the Coffee from the Group collecting Centres to the Factories as also all processing and finishing expenses.

## COFFEE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

At the 31st of July, 1962, there were 649 District Branches and Groups affiliated to 19 Registered Coffee Co-operative Societies and 3 Coffee Area Councils.

Total membership of the Branches and Groups stood at 41,524, an increase of 1,744 over the previous year. The total delivery of Cherry Coffee by members to the different Factories amounted to 345,065 boxes — the highest quantity handled since the inception of the Board. 271,250 boxes were processed at the Board's Factories and 73,843 boxes at the undermentioned Co-operative Factories:—

Woodhall	—	20,806	boxes
Guy's Hill	—	18,802	"
Catadupa	—	4,946	"

and in the Blue Mountain Area—

Moy Hall	—	14,681	boxes
Silver Hill	—	13,460	"
Langley	—	1,148	"

The Grades of Coffee exported by the Board were —

	<u>Bags</u> <u>(132 lbs.)</u>	<u>Barrels</u> <u>(260 lbs.)</u>
Prime Jamaica		
Washed ..	14,503	
Type 4 ..	364	
Triage/A ..	1,225	
Triage/B ..	150	
Stock Lot ..	115	
High Mountain ..		90
	<u>16,357</u>	<u>90</u>

The Grades sold to Local Manufacturers of Coffee were —

Prime Jamaica Washed —	5,255	Bags (132 lbs.)
Type 4 —	437	"
Triage/A —	1,147	"
Triage/B —	1,334	"
Stock Lot —	313	"
	<u>8,486</u>	"

Local Manufacturers paid £135,411 for the 8,486 bags purchased. The previous crop they purchased 6,915 bags valued at £107,218.

The over-all average price realised for the 1961/62 Crop was 2/7½d per lb; for the 1960/61 Crop it was 2/7½d per lb.

### TOTAL EXPORTS

Types of Coffee exported during the year were as follows:—

<u>Green Coffee</u>	<u>Blue Mountain</u>	<u>Roasted</u>	<u>Total</u>
2,183,005	244,779	75,193	2,502,977

All Green Coffee — except the Blue Mountain variety — exported from Jamaica is processed and shipped by the Board, and is sold on the Cup Test Grading.

The Board permits the producers of the world-famous Blue Mountain Coffee to export their Coffee themselves. The four (4) Factories producing this famous type of Coffee are —

The Langley Factory	—	Langley, St. Andrew
The Moy Hall Factory	—	Cedar Valley, St. Thomas
The Silver Hill Factory	—	Silver Hill, Portland
The Mavis Bank Factory	—	Mavis Bank, St. Andrew

tional work in the Industry and to provide temporary Coffee Assistants to help in the Group collection of Coffee during the reaping season.

£500 to the Christiana Area Land Authority for extension work in the Industry.

In addition the Board made contributions to the 4-H Clubs, Jamaica Social Welfare Commission and the Jamaica Agricultural Society Parish Agricultural Shows.

### GENERAL

In January, 1962, the Board had the pleasure of a visit from Messrs. Ronald Carey and Allan Arthur, Directors of the firm of Woodhouse, Drake and Carey Ltd., one of the Board's Agents in the United Kingdom.

Under the auspices of the Colonial Economic Research Committee, Mr. J. W. F. Rowe, formerly a Lecturer in Economics and Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge, visited Jamaica in April, 1962, to study the problems of Coffee producers. He was engaged by the Committee to study the problems of producers in Africa and Central and South America in the light of the world Coffee situation.

In 1962 the Board awarded a Scholarship with an Annual value of £50 per annum tenable at the Jamaica School of Agriculture for three (3) years to the son of a Coffee Grower. This is the third Scholarship to be awarded by the Board since 1958.

During the year the Board was host to many Groups of Coffee Growers and others who visited the Works to observe the processing of Coffee in the various stages prior to export. The Board welcomes these visitors and expresses the hope that the visits will increase in number, so that the majority of Growers may have a better understanding of the Industry.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Board acknowledges with thanks the co-operation and assistance given by the —

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands,  
Yallahs Valley Land Authority,  
Christiana Area Land Authority,  
Co-operative Department,  
Jamaica Agricultural Society,  
Jamaica Agricultural Society Coffee  
Growers' Federation Ltd.,  
Lands Department,  
Forest Department.

# USTRY BOARD

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 1962.

GROSS PROFIT brought forward	£34,714 15 7	
NET PROCEEDS HIGH MOUNTAIN CONSIGNMENT	<u>1,407 18 4</u>	£36,122 13 11
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		1,770 9 6
		<u>£37,893 3 5</u>
NET PROFIT ON TRADING brought down		12,111 0 7
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		17,100 3 6
		<u>£29,211 4 1</u>
BALANCE—SURPLUS brought forward	£55,951 9 9	
LESS: APPROPRIATION TO PRICE STABILISATION RESERVE	<u>30,000 0 0</u>	25,951 9 9
SURPLUS — CURRENT YEAR		19,642 12 2
		<u>£45,594 1 11</u>

E. V. ANDERSON,  
Accountant

