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INDUSTRY
BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT
AND STATEMENT
OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR
ENDING
31st JULY, 1978

COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD
Central Grading and Finishing Works
Kingston,
JAMAICA, W.I.

The Honourable Minister of Agriculture

On behalf of the members of the Coffee Industry Board I have the honour to submit the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st JULY, 1978.

L.R. Mitchell
Chairman

COMMITTEES

Mr. Edgar Jones, a Chartered Accountant, is Chairman of the Finance Committee.

STAFF

The Board's Field Staff with the exception of two Agronomists and six Field Officers was taken over by the Ministry of Agriculture with effect from the 1st of April 1977. The services of these officers are retained by the Board to supervise its coffee plantations and to monitor coffee plantations established by farmers through loans from the Board.

The responsibility for servicing coffee growers throughout the island now rests with the Ministry of Agriculture.

PRODUCTION

The total coffee output for the year under review is one of the smallest since 1961. The reasons for the decline in production were, shortage of fertilizer, absence of spraying, poor cultural practices and insufficient specialized field services to coffee growers.

The Board's Six (6) Central Factories and the Catadupa Co-operative Factory received and processed a total of 302,219 boxes of Cherry Coffee during the year 1977-78.

The Board has so far established approximately 380 acres of coffee on 13 plots which are located in the principal coffee growing areas:—

Aeon Town	3 acres
Greenock	2 acres
Mears	6 acres
Oxford	15 acres
Teak Pen	5 acres
Wallenford	80 acres
James Hill	82 acres
Litchfield	10 acres
Mount Airy	20 acres
Alva	14 acres
Higgin Land	18 acres
Sir John's Peak	96 acres
Windsor	28 acres

The yield from these plots has boosted overall production considerably. A feasibility study is being carried out in certain areas, particularly in the Blue Mountains, with a view to substantially increasing the present acreage.

Modern cultural methods are practised and these are used to demonstrate improved system of coffee cultivation to coffee growers in adjacent areas.

During the year, 176½ acres of coffee were established, both by the Board itself with 24 acres and many small farmers all over the island. To date approximately 500 acres of coffee have been established by loans from funds made available by a source in Japan and this project includes 324 acres in the Blue Mountains Area.

The loan was distributed to large and small farmers as indicated below:—

Up to 50 acres	—	3 Farmers
20 — 49 acres	—	4 Farmers
10 — 19 acres	—	11 Farmers
Under 10 acres	—	14 Farmers

Much of the coffee thus established is now producing berries and re-payment of loans have commenced.

Toward the end of this crop year, it was discovered that the dreaded Berry Borer Beetle had made its appearance, attacking berries and damaging beans.

OPERATION OF CENTRAL FACTORIES

The Board's Six (6) Central Factories were in operation during the harvesting of the crop. Details of receivals are set out below:—

	1977/78	1976/77
	Receivals	Receivals
	(Boxes)	(Boxes)
AENON TOWN	64,231	39,030
BOG WALK	91,114	51,240
CLARENDON PARK	27,069	37,871
DOVER	8,022	4,448
MAGGOTTY	31,490	28,040
TROUT HALL	73,790	64,412

In addition receival at the Co-operatively owned Factory was —

CATADUPA	<u>6,503</u>	<u>4,603</u>
TOTAL	<u>302,219</u>	<u>229,644</u>

COFFEE CO-OPERATIVES

A comparison of deliveries of coffee by growers to the Board's Central Factories and the Co-operative Factories through the Coffee Co-operatives are set out below:—

CO-OPERATIVES	1977/78 (Boxes)	1976/77 (Boxes)	1975/76 (Boxes)
West St. Ann	30,940	16,871	36,232
East St. Ann	10,394	2,911	11,150
Upper Trelawny	12,569	5,505	13,788
Frankfield	63,014	38,285	69,981
South Clarendon	3,256	6,908	7,028
North East Clarendon	19,898	27,711	28,319
North Manchester	28,138	19,010	32,826
South Manchester	14,025	25,920	24,140
West St. Andrew	3,076	834	3,922
Central St. Catherine	21,049	10,393	27,176
North West St. Catherine	34,492	24,937	42,605
Central St. Mary/ West Portland	6,886	4,758	8,446
Darliston	1,673	842	2,368
St. Elizabeth	17,032	12,148	20,530
East Portland Area Council	625	102	388
Guy's Hill	18,575	9,525	19,680
Co-operatively owned: Catadupa	6,210	4,603	8,165
 BLUE MOUNTAIN FACTORIES:			
Moy Hall/Langley	5,554	7,818	9,710
Silver Hill	6,765	7,402	10,438

PRICE

The Gross Price per box by the Board over the last Five (5) Crop Years is set out below:—

1973-74	—	\$ 5.41
1974-75	—	\$ 7.67
1975-76	—	\$ 9.47
1976-77	—	\$11.75
1977-78	—	\$20.35

Transportation of cherry coffee from collecting depots to Central Factories and finishing expenses are borne by the Board.

MARKETING

The types of coffee exported by the Board are:—

- Prime Jamaica Washed
- High Mountain Supreme
- Wallenford Estate Blue Mountain
- MBCF Blue Mountain
- PCSH Blue Mountain
- Langley Blue Mountain

Sales were made on the basis of F.O.B. Kingston, to the Board's buyers in Japan and the United States of America.

9 | All green coffee used by the local manufacturers of coffee must, by Law, be obtained from the Board. The export of roasted and soluble coffee by local manufacturers must be approved by the Board.

The total island production — other than Blue Mountain Coffee — processed and distributed by the Board during the last five (5) crop years was as follows:—

	<u>Local Sales</u> (Bags 132 lb.)	<u>Export Sales</u> (Bags 132 lb.)
1973-74	7,647	13,124
1974-75	9,243	11,748
1975-76	9,903	17,452
1976-77	6,715	12,989
1977-78	7,606	11,991

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

Jamaica became a member of the International Coffee Organization in 1967. The Organization was set up under the International Coffee Agreement in 1962 and represents all coffee exporting and the main coffee consuming countries. The Agreement seeks to regulate coffee exports thus stabilizing world markets and preventing violent fluctuations in prices.

Under the terms of the Agreement, member countries are required to submit monthly, quarterly and annual statements covering the export of all coffee (green, roasted, soluble) undertaken by them.

