

## FOREWORD.

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In the *New Guinea Agriculture Gazette*, the Department of Agriculture is endeavouring to bring forward a publication that will contain articles on both original research and general agricultural questions that will be of interest to all concerned with agriculture in this Territory, but to enable the *Gazette* to attain its greatest usefulness it must have the willing co-operation of the planters themselves.

The present issue contains articles by members of the staff of the Department, but any contributions making suggestions or describing methods of general interest for discussion will be appreciated.

The article on Peanuts gives data for those who are, or are contemplating, planting this crop, one about which inquiries from Southern agents have been received, and for which a limited market is available in Australia.

The article on *Sexava* spp. is a general summarized account of the research work carried out by the Entomologist and assistants, prior and subsequent to the establishment of the *Sexava* Research Station.

The article on *Derris* summarizes information on a plant which is receiving considerable attention as an insecticide. Several hundred plants are under cultivation at the Demonstration Plantation, Keravat, and should be ready for harvesting during the year.

Cocoa Fermentation deals with a subject of particular moment to a number of planters in the Territory, and if the advice given is followed the quality of the beans will be materially improved.

Information on our most useful timber *Eucalyptus naudiniana* (peculiar to New Guinea and the Philippines) is given, based particularly on the observations made by the author during a detailed patrol of New Britain.