

There have been many requests for republication of an Agricultural Gazette by Territorial residents and Plantation interests. It is gratifying to realise this can now eventuate. It is with pleasure that this Agricultural Gazette, New Series, is presented. The new issue will be Volume 8, No. 1, so that continuity with the old series of the New Guinea Agricultural Gazette is carried on.

The lapse of more than ten years to this issue since the publication of the previous Agricultural Gazette has been due to circumstances far outside the control of the Administration and the Director and Staff of this Department. Attempts have been made to meet the interim post-war need for publication of departmental information by reprints of articles for the public, whenever possible, and by publishing articles for local information on particular subjects.

The previous Director, Mr. G. H. Murray, was lost in Rabaul at the time of the Japanese invasion with many of his staff and that was a serious loss to the Territory. Only four members of the pre-war Department are still here in their official capacity. So in the special presentation of this issue special thought is given to past contributors. It should be observed that in post-war years the name of the Department has been changed to Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries.