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MEMO. ON FRUIT GROWING.
Trs Memo prepared by Director of Agriculture.

Previous Paper
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Believe that "the position" in the
note to the extract probably means
"the greater position".
As to (2) in 30440 (see next)
a Mr. Kennedy has gone to Kenya
to discuss his scheme with the local
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No. 1487

26th November, 1925.

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Sir,

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With reference to paragraph 3 of your despatch No. 758 of 11th August, I have the honour to transmit a memorandum on Fruit Growing in Kenya Colony prepared by the ~~Ken.~~ Director of Agriculture.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

HONOURABLE
LT. COL. L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, L O N D O N, S.W.1

MEMORANDUM ON FRUIT GROWING IN KENYA COLONY.

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An extract of the Agricultural Census 1925 is attached, showing the progress made in the establishment of a Fruit Industry, and that the total area at present under fruit is comparatively small. There is reason to believe that areas in the Highlands extending to several thousand acres are suitable for fruit growing, but other forms of production yielding quicker returns are at present in competition with fruit. As settlement advances and smaller holdings become more common doubtless greater attention will be given to fruit growing.

A good deal of experimental work is being done by growers, but few of them are skilled in fruit culture. It necessarily takes some years to prove the suitability of a district for fruit growing and the varieties which can be most profitably grown.

Present information indicates the suitability of the country particularly for plums, citrus and pine apples, and it is not unlikely that at high altitudes apples and pears of acceptable quality may be grown successfully. Such fruit trees as have been planted in recent years are now coming into bearing but they are no more than sufficient to supply the needs of local consumption, and it is not likely that there will be a considerable surplus for export for some time to come. A probable development will be the manufacture of jams and jellies from locally grown fruit and locally produced sugar.

In order that reliable information and data be made available the Department of Agriculture has assisted in testing the market with an experimental consignment of deciduous fruit from a private grower.

The result was satisfactory and it proved that plums of different varieties grown in Kenya could be marketed in good condition and could be sold at prices satisfactory to the grower. Arrangements have been made for the proper selection, packing and forwarding of consignments of citrus fruit and pine apples next season.

Fruit growing is a specialised pursuit and the preparation and marketing of fruit requires highly skilled direction and supervision. For the promotion and establishment of a Fruit Industry in this Colony it is essential that the services of a fully trained Horticulturist - skilled in particular in fruit growing - should be available. Services of that kind were only rendered between 1920 and 1922, and since the retrenchment of 1922 the Department of Agriculture has not been equipped either with a Horticulturist on its staff nor with an Experiment Station.

Theodor
DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.
23/11/21

	(1) Total area under fruit as at 30th June, 1928.	FRUIT. (2)			Number of Fruit Trees under 2 A.		
		Areas under			Deciduous No.	Citrus No.	Other Kinds No.
		Orchard A. Acres.	Bananas B. Acres.	Pineapple C. Acres.			
Province.	15	0	0	15			
Tana	21	4	15	2			
	52	1	20	11	0	100	80
					0	161	26
Province.	3	5			81	30	6
Province.	8	4	1	1	17	30	250
Province.	118	25	23	2	3,376	3,876	732
	524	540	121	23	22,548	24,754	7,567
Province.	20	17	2	1	209	344	369
North	3	2	0	1	10	34	15
South	26	22	2	1	783	439	918
	10	9	1	0	267	44	6
Province.	517	500	16	1	42,116	3,428	907
Province.					6	6	0
Provincial	177	95	70	12	921	3,093	1,632
Provincial	22	22	0	0	847	126	153
Provincial	47	46	1	0	3,614	122	2,100
Provincial	61	59	2	0	2,761	252	279
Provincial	157	152	25	0	8,072	2,613	2,546
Provincial	63	59	4	0	2,013	1,892	1,046
Provincial	229	122	100	7	5,905	2,527	3,742
Provincial	246	208	31	5	10,877	5,406	4,851
Province.	2,516	1,998	434	84	110,223	49,537	27,12
Province.	2,500	1,960	475	67			

A portion of total area under 2.B (Bananas) is Catch Crop Area.

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- ~~J. Shackburgh~~
- ~~G. Grindle~~
- ~~Davis~~
- ~~Wilson~~
- ~~W. Masby-Gore~~
- ~~Clarendon~~
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30 JAN 1926

Sir,

I am to transmit to you, to be laid before the Imperial Economic Ctee, a memorandum on fruit growing in Kenya, which has been prepared by the Director of Agriculture of the Col.

Yours

(Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY.

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Secy,
Imperial Economic Ctee

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(In 58405)

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Downing Street.

30 January, 1926.

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I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you, to be laid before the Imperial Economic Committee, a memorandum on fruit growing in Kenya, which has been prepared by the Director of Agriculture of the Colony.

I am,

Sirs,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY.

SECRETARY,
IMPERIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,
BOARD OF TRADE.