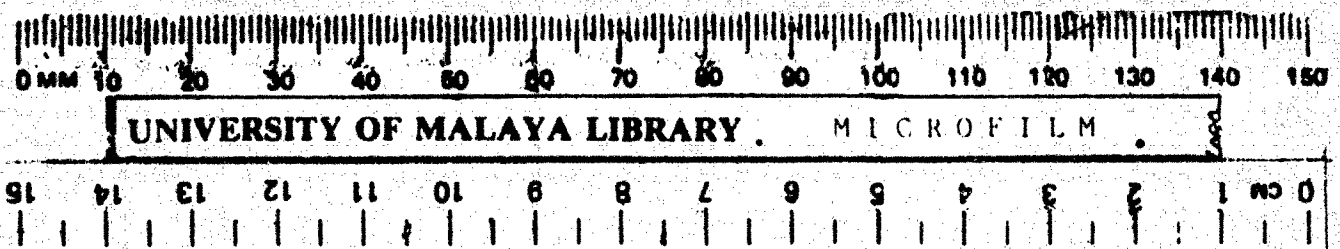
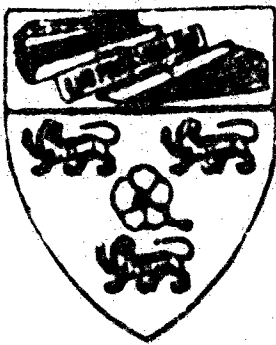


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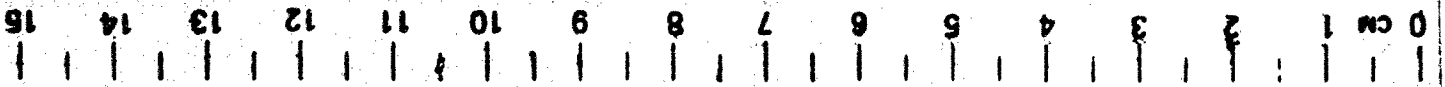




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SYNOPSIS

This production exercise is an attempt to study the natural rubber industry of Malaya with special emphasis on its problems and prospects. The purpose of this study is to show the demand and supply conditions of the Malayan Rubber Industry. The characteristics of the supply of and the demand for natural rubber are dealt with. The replanting schemes and how much progress has been made in this are to reduce costs of production and to increase the yield of natural rubber; the future prospects of natural rubber production in Malaya are all shown to some extent in this exercise.

Chapter IV deals with the competition between synthetic and natural rubber. The remarkable progress made by the synthetic rubber industry in the last few years especially the discovery of the new "stereo regular" rubber. The exercise attempts to show how synthetic rubber is slowly eating away the natural rubber market, and posing greater and greater threat to the natural rubber world. Natural rubber will be able to face this serious competition and rapid technological development in the synthetic field through increase yield and cost reduction.

In view of the fluctuations in prices and export earnings of natural rubber due to instability of demand which is greatly dependent on business cycles, the writer also analyses some of the stabilization schemes used in the past and show how they cannot hope to operate effectively now.

The last chapter deals with the prospects of natural rubber in the coming years and the progress made so far in the natural rubber field. The writer also attempts to give the production and consumption figures of synthetic and natural rubber up to 1975.

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