

MONGOOSE IN TRINIDAD.

A Query Whether the Skins of the Animals Have Any Value.

The mongoose was originally introduced into Trinidad from St. Lucia for the purpose of ridding the island of both rats and snakes, but at the present time it is itself considered a very serious pest. Moreover, the sugar production of Trinidad has diminished somewhat during the last few years, chiefly because of the ravages of froghoppers, since the lizards which formerly kept them in check are being exterminated by the mongoose. In fact, many estate owners in Trinidad pay a shilling a head for every mongoose destroyed on their estates, and many thousands are destroyed every year without any attempt being made to save the skins. Consul Baker, therefore, suggests that possibly these mongoose skins might have considerable economic utility in the United States and has forwarded a sample of such a skin to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, where it may be examined by interested persons.

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