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Case history No.79.

Saunchez	Ivan	head	M.M.	37	farmer
"	Laura	wife	F.M.	31	4.4homemaker
"	Irvin	son	M.S.	11	
"	Noel	son	M.S.	7	
"	Dorothy	dau	F.S.	4	
"	Linette	dau	F.S.	7/12	
Rowe	Julia	M-in-law	F.W.	61	2.2.
"	Gloria	Niece-in law	F.S.	5	

Mr. Saunchez was working in the field he rents from the Baptist minister. He was helped by Thomas Barnes and two other people. It was on neighbourhood basis. He did not pay them for the work but would do some work in return, for them. They were forking/ploughing as they call it/ the ground to plant yams. "We unite which each other. I work here to-day and to-morrow. We unite" said Mr. Thomas Barnes. Mr. Saunchez pays rent at the rate of 30 sh. p.a. "The parson rented the land to people". He considers the land in All Sides "more fruitfull". "This land produces yam, ginger, cane - in All Sides you can plant bananas". At All Sides the rent used to be 24/-."Sir Archibald charges more now - 32 sh."

Mr. Saunchez came from St. Elizabeth in 1928. His parents had a farm there - 12 acres. But he left and prefers to stay in Warsop. "It is more fruitful here". When he came to Warsop he rented land for 15 years and 5 years ago he bought 1 1/2 acre from George Wiltshire. The price he paid was £20 per acre. His house is there. It is on the parochial road next house to Sylvester Green.

14 years ago he bought 6 acres in the crown lands. He paid £1.6.7. per annum for 10 years and paid it off. He does not live there. And his house is not there. He lives on his 1 1/2 acre on the parochial road. "Go there on donkey, keep a few heads of goat all the time". He plants on the settlement lands cassava and gungoo peas. "But don't strive there". He says in the valley.

Crown land bananas grow very well, because the soil keeps cool. Bananas are not affected there by leaf spot disease. Also the bananas which are near his house are not subject to the disease. He thinks it is because he manures them with all refuse from home. Other bananas which are farther from his home are diseased. "In the deeper part of the wilderness /crown land/ you find bananas and coco". The government won't rent the land farther in the "wilderness". The government don't want people to settle there because it considers the timber trees would be endangered. Mr. Saunchez says that banana are better in the valleys in the wilderness because the soil is "cooler". He thinks a donkey would produce about 500 lbs of manure a year. It would be sufficient to manure one stretch. One has to cover the ground thickly, to mulch it with manure to keep it "cool".

New soil  
and manured

soil.

Mulch  
and  
manure.

Mr. Saunchez does not plan to move from the place he is living now. He would like to buy some more land round his present farm on the parochial road. Asked where he would like to buy land, he said " Around I suppose more and enlarge the same place." "I don't expect to move again. I decide to stay till I die."

Rotation

On his rent land he is planting now yams. Next year he will plant cane. "Next crop cane. Sometimes the cane can keep the land for 20 years".

Asked which crops he considers the most essential he said . " Cane, ginger, banana. But yam comes second, we can't live without".