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Foreword

Prepared at the request of the Tropical Forest Experiment Station of the U. S. Forest Service, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, this bibliography attempts to list background references contributing to a better understanding of available Puerto Rican woods and their uses. The time-span covered by the references is roughly 1900-1950. Historical material, trade statistics, and botanical description largely are omitted, although these aspects may be followed up by examining reference lists included in items cited in the bibliography.

A study of available information points out that little work has been done on Puerto Rican woods. Such a study also confirms statements of L. V. Teesdale and J. W. Girard of the U. S. Forest Service in their 1945 reconnaisance report, Wood Utilization in Puerto Rico, to the effect that there are no existing reliable statistics on the forest resource, growth, drain, production, or products requirements of the Island as a whole. A large volume of rough and finished timber products consumed in Puerto Rico are imported, although yields from existing forest cover have continuing, if unmeasured, economic importance. Better utilization of island-produced and imported timber products is a concern of the Tropical Forest Experiment Station staff, as well as of others interested in improving Puerto Rico's general economy.

Most references in the bibliography were collected by Eloise Gerry, Forest Products Technologist, in connection with her work on foreign woods in the Division of Silvicultural Relations, U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. Further checking of sources, and preparation of the list for reproduction, were done by Frances J. Flick, bibliographer, from the staff of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Library.

The bibliography is divided into three sections: I, Puerto Rican Woods and their Utilization (General); II, References Relative to Wood Protection and Preservation; III, Other References with Possible Application to the Puerto Rican Situation. Sections II and III do not represent intensive search in the subjects involved. The material is included as supplementary information for uses of the bibliography.

General arrangement within the sections is alphabetical by author. Due to the small number of references, it has not been thought necessary to index subjects

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