



The Dominican Republic: Agriculture and Trade (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Dominican Republic: Agriculture and Trade The Dominican Republic, situated in the heart of the Caribbean, is often termed the Cradle of the Americas. Santo Domingo, the capital, is the oldest permanent settlement of European origin in the Americas. While the Spaniards were pushing out toward continental America, this settlement became the hub of Spanish influence in the New World. The original Indian strain found in the country has long since lost its identity in the population. Today the principal racial strains are comprised of the descendants of the early Spanish colonists and of Negro slaves imported from Africa. About 15 percent of the population is white, 15-percent Negro, and 70 percent of mixed blood. Like most of the Latin American countries, the Dominican Republic depends on a small number of agricultural products for its income. Agricultural activities have long been directed largely to the production of the major export crops, particularly sugar. Not only does the country lean heavily on sugar exports to provide foreign exchange, but internal trade and employment are widely influenced by the foreign market which determines..



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