

showed it to contain notable amounts of organic matter and nitrogen. The data are as follows:—

	Per cent.
Moisture	3.42
Organic and volatile matter	8.01
Nitrogen	1.74

The general deductions that I am enabled to make from this preliminary examination are that the surface soil is by no means wanting in the elements of fertility, the chief drawback being reported shallowness. With good drainage, careful culture—particularly avoiding all working of the soil when wet—and favourable climatic conditions, it should prove a strong, productive soil, quite capable of yielding remunerative crops.

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