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lation of 50,000, and is a bright enterprising city.

Surinam, or Dutch Guiana.

Surinam is located on the north-east coast of South America, between French and British Guiana. It is bounded on the north by the Atlantic Ocean, on the east by the Marowynne River, on the south by the Tumac Humac Mountain range, and on the west by the Corantyn River.

The population of Surinam are loyal subjects to the Queen of Holland, and the government takes good care to encourage this feeling of loyalty. Every year at the Queen's birthday the square in front of the Governor's residence has a most gay aspect. For a whole week the people celebrate the birthday of their Queen.

The name "Surinam" originated from an Indian tribe called the Surines, which are considered to be the original inhabitants.

The country is an agricultural one principally, and grows sugar and cocoa. Of late the cocoa estates have suffered considerably from a microbe which causes the nuts to petrify before ripening, but the Dutch government has nominated an Inspector of Agriculture who will, it is believed, succeed in remedying the trouble.

In order to balance the revenues of the Colony, the government gives pecuniary assistance to the planters who wish to plant bananas for exportation, and already a great number have accepted the conditions of the government.

The colony enjoys a salubrious climate, and the death rate does not exceed that of any similar town in Holland. Surinam being a gold producing country, the negro population prefer to labor in the gold fields, and have abandoned the

estates, the latter being worked with British Indian coolies and emigrants from the Dutch East Indies, who are bound by contract.

The mixed population of the colony has given existence to a most curious intermarriage between the different races, whose offspring bear in their faces traces of a singular combination of the different Asiatic, Ethiopical and Anglo-Saxon races. The original inhabitants of the country were Indians.

The British Indian population forms a considerable part of Surinam's inhabitants, and are generally remarkable for that fine bearing and well cut features. The British government has its Consul here, who protects the interests of the British subjects. These coolies enjoy very often a certain degree of welfare, and several of them possess large properties and are even owners of some estates.

The colony enjoys the same liberal laws as the mother country, and all religions are tolerated, no sect having any privileges above the other.

Paramaribo, the chief city, has broad and picturesque streets, the finest being the Heerenstraat, planted on either side with tall mahogany trees forming a perfect and beautiful cover.

No stranger will ever forget it if he once has seen a market day in Surinam when he can enjoy the sight of seeing nearly all the nations of the earth represented, from the snow white Caucasian, the copper-colored Asiatic to the boot black Ethiopian. Here the stranger will be struck by the singular habit of the black females who carry anything and everything on their heads, from a pin to a basin of water. And so well balanced is everything that in the meantime their hands are freely used to do other things. They walk, dance and even run without ever letting their load drop from their heads.