

### THE VARIOUS FIELDS.

The Tampico field, as a whole, is divided into several separate fields or local subdivisions. These, with the conditions which prevail in each, are described in brief as follows:

#### SOTO MARINA FIELD.

The Soto Marina field is the northernmost field of all the Tampico fields. It borders the coast and extends along the ocean for about 60 miles. Its width is as yet undetermined. There are numerous oil seepages occurring throughout this field and a few wells are being drilled which probably foreshadows the development of this region on an extensive scale. The oil is heavy, having an asphaltic base.

#### EBANO FIELD.

The Ebano field is the next field lying south of the Soto Marina field and back of the port of Tampico. It is reached by the Mexican Central Railroad, a distance of 60 miles, to where the wells of the Mexican Petroleum Company are located.

It was here in the Ebano field that the first developments in Mexico were conducted. Messrs. Doheny and Canfield of California organized the Mexican Petroleum Company and successfully developed this field. The oil is of low gravity with asphaltic base.

#### DOS BOCAS-CASIANO FIELD.

The Dos Bocas-Casiano field lies south of the port of Tampico. Beginning from tidewater, it extends fifty, or more, miles inland. Numerous seepages occur throughout this field and the oil is of light gravity and very suitable for refining.

This field enjoys the distinction of being the home of the famous Dos Bocas Gusher, hereinbefore described. The Dos Bocas-Casiano field is an intermediate field lying between the two northern fields just described and two other fields to the south to be described.

#### CERRO VIEJO FIELD.

This field lies south of the Dos Bocas-Casiano field and is of great promise because of the phenomenal gushers which have been brought in. The El Potrero Gusher broke loose with an initial capacity of from 30,000 to 40,000 barrels, and within a few days reached a daily capacity variously estimated at 75,000 to 100,000 barrels. A large part of this oil escaped and flowed down the Tuxpam River to the sea, cov-