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COMMONWEALTH: FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES: LEEDWARD ISLANDS:
MONTserrat.

PICTURE NUMBER: D.107527.

SUBJECT: Types.

PICTURE SHOWS: A farm worker listens to her radio during a lunch-time break.

INFORMATION: Montserrat, with an area of about 32 square miles, is the most southerly island of the Leewards, lying 27 miles south-west of Antigua and 40 miles north-west of the French island of Guadeloupe. It is of volcanic origin and very mountainous (highest point Chance Peak, 3,002 feet). A third of the island is forested and there are many woodlands and streams. The climate is tropical tempered by trade winds; the mean temperatures range between 73°F. and 86°F. and the average annual rainfall is about 55 inches. The estimated population in 1958 was 14,290, 2,500 of whom lived in the capital, Plymouth. The economy is based on agriculture with the emphasis on sea island cotton but steps are being taken to diversify cultivation by encouraging the growing of bananas, sugar and vegetables. Industry is limited to the processing of agricultural products.
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