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The canal system played an important role in the development of the plantation economy. The area of plantations increased quickly thanks to the solving of flood, salinization and acid sulfate soil. Through activities of production and rice transportation, we can see the role of the canal system in the development of plantation economy in South-Western Region from 1900 to 1945.

There were many differences between the plantation economy in South-Western Region and in other Indochina's colonies. They were the rice being the only major product for production and trading, massive land ownership of landlords, the combination of exploitation from the capitalism and the feudalism in the economic relation between landlords and plantation workers.

The plantation economy's impact resulted in the improvement of the South-Western Region's socio-economic situation. Rice production and transport helped industrial economy and commercial economy grow and led to appearance of the rice milling and polishing business. The South-Western Region became the most productive region of rice export in Indochina. There were also improvement in the situations of social classes, culture and education.

South-Western Region's plantation economy left lesson and practical values. The canal system and the experience in organizing agricultural production contributed to the economic development of today Mekong Delta.

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