"THE RECLAMATIONS IN THE DUTCH IJSSELMEER AND, MORE IN PARTICULAR, THE COLONIZATION OF THE NORTHEAST-POOLDER", is a paper on a fraction of the vast cultivation plan for the Zuyderzee area covering 2,200 km² (7% of the total area of the Netherlands).

The dynamo behind the reclamation of the Zuyderzee was Dr Ir C. Lely, who, during the years 1889–1891 made a thorough study of this project. Under his ministry, in 1918, order was given for the construction of the enclosing dam and the partial impoldering. — Dr Lely was also governor of Surinam. Lelydorp was called after him.

At present about 160 km² of the total area in Noord-Nickerie (Surinam) under consideration for reclamation is now ready to be cultivated or to be lotted out.