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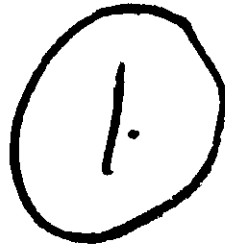


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FOREWORD.

THE present report is the outcome of the industrial survey of the Almora district undertaken as a part of the general scheme of the industrial survey of the whole province. The difficulties of such a survey in the hills are very many. Want of easy transport and the short periods during which only certain parts of the district are approachable, migratory population which carries on the industries and trade of the hills, the unexplored nature of a large portion, especially from a geological and mineralogical point of view, the want of agricultural statistics such as are found in the plains, and the frequently changing plots that come under agriculture often by rotation are some of the peculiarities of the hills, not to be met with in the plains. It would have been practically impossible for me to finish the survey in the short period at my disposal, had it not been that the officials and many non-official gentlemen rendered me help ungrudgingly all along. It is difficult to select a few names out of the long list of helpers, and I take this opportunity of thanking all friends who assisted me in times of need, but I cannot close this report without offering special thanks to the Commissioner, Mr. P. Wyndham, I.C.S. He made several valuable suggestions and took a very keen interest in the survey. Mr. F. C. M. Cruickshank, I.C.S., Deputy Commissioner, Mr. M. N. Gurtu, M.B.E., Deputy Collector, and Pandit Chandra Dutt Pande, Sub-Divisional Officer, Pithoragarh and Lohaghat, also assisted considerably, and special acknowledgements are due to them. I have also to thank the following gentlemen for the help they rendered :—

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