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PREFACE.

THE Burma Provincial Banking Enquiry Committee's complete report together with evidence collected by the committee is being published in three volumes, of which Volume I is the report prepared by the committee under the title *Banking and Credit in Burma*, while the present volume contains the replies to the principal questionnaire of the committee which is reproduced in Volume II together with various statistics and other matter supplementing Volume I. As the replies in the present volume are not generally intelligible without the questionnaire for which they were given, this volume is not being sold apart from Volume II.

2. Each chapter of the questionnaire being divided into groups of closely related questions, the replies have been divided correspondingly, so that all replies to each group are collected together. Some passages of a general nature, which were included in some replies and were not associated with a particular group of questions have been collected into Chapter XIV at the end of this volume. Otherwise the chapters and sections of this volume correspond to the chapters and sections of the questionnaire. The whole of the replies on any subject will be found collected together in the sections relating to the questions which concern it. It should be observed that in the questionnaire a fresh series of numbers was begun in each chapter; there was thus a break in the numbering at the end of each chapter.

3. The formation of district committees and their sub-committees has been described in the first chapter of Volume I. As the reports of sub-committees and individual members were generally embodied in those of the district committees, they are not generally distinguished here; but in a few cases separate reports were submitted and are separately reproduced accordingly. In some cases also, where opinion in the district committee was divided, the conflicting views are separately reproduced here. Some deputy commissioners wrote the district reply with the aid of the district committee (and its sub-committees) as a body of advisers; in some districts the deputy commissioner joined with the committee in preparing the reply; in others again the district committee prepared the reply independently and the deputy commissioner wrote comments. In some districts different methods were followed for different parts of the questionnaire. Precise information as to the course pursued in each district was not available to the provincial committee; consequently, while remarks definitely shown in the district replies as

personal remarks of the deputy commissioner have been described as such in this volume, all other replies from district committees have been given under the district's name without attempting to discriminate. Internal evidence however often indicates how the reply was prepared.

4. Questions 54 to 61 were on a special footing because deputy commissioners were asked to deal with them personally. Here too there was difference of practice. Some relied upon reports of Land-Records or other officers ; some associated the district committee with themselves in preparing the replies.

5. A uniform serial order of the witnesses has been preserved throughout in presenting the evidence of each section ; this order is shown by the classified list of witnesses at the end of this volume. Replies by deputy commissioners, including reports of subordinates submitted by them, are printed immediately after the replies of the respective district committee. The comments of divisional commissioners upon replies from districts in their divisions precede the replies from all those districts.

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