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PREFACE

THIS little work confines itself almost entirely to the tobacco interests of the United Kingdom, the chapter on planting and curing being added to give completeness. Tobacco, being a great revenue producer, possesses an interlocking of economic and fiscal interests that apply to but few articles in the United Kingdom. In this work the aim has been to make the subject so complete and reliable as to be an aid to all members of the trade, to statesmen, statisticians, students, and the public generally. All the figures given are taken from the latest Government blue books, viz., Customs Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom; the Customs and Excise Annual Reports; the Census of Production and the monthly reports of the Board of Trade. My long revenue experience has enabled me to write on the fiscal side with a fuller knowledge than I otherwise could have done, whilst my acquaintance with various members of the tobacco trade and their work has enabled me to make a better survey of tobacco interests than could be done were any of these advantages lacking.

I am indebted to my colleagues, Messrs. F. B. Mills and A. Richardson, for their up-to-date articles on manufacture; to my friends, Mr. James Nevin, Secretary of Messrs. R. I. Dexter & Sons, for his special cigar contribution, and Mr. P. Teofani for his cigarette

chapter. My thanks are also due to those manufacturers, including Mr. D. G. Freeman, for their help in endeavouring to make this work complete and of service.

Lastly, I wish to express my obligations to my chief, Mr. J. Fleming, I.S.O., formerly chairman of the Tobacco Drawback Committee.

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