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PREFACE

The publication of this work, which embodies the results of the second detailed field investigation undertaken by the Institute, has been unduly delayed owing mainly to personal reasons. It is hoped that even so the facts presented will be found to relate to not too distant a period and that the problems, towards the solution of which the facts may contribute, being still unsolved and urgent, the publication will be found to be of some use. The method used in recounting the results of the investigation has been the same as that followed in the previous publication on the marketing of fruit. That is, the results have been set forth in detail and as large a number of the aspects of the problem as possible have been dealt with. We have taken special pains to make clear the character and the limitations of the data collected by us.

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