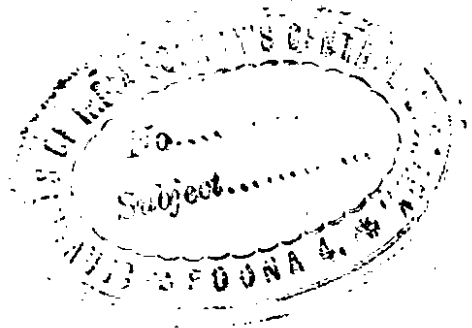


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**REPORT**  
on the work of the  
**INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER**  
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*From: The High Commissioner for India,  
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Department of Commerce,  
Simla, India.*

SIR,

I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Government of India, the report prepared by the Indian Trade Commissioner in London on the work of his Department during the year ended 31st March, 1933.

2. The year on which Mr. Lindsay comments has been eventful. It has witnessed the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa and the adjustment of inter-imperial economic relations which issued therefrom. Mr. Lindsay has sought in his review to estimate the first-fruits of the agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and India; in Sir B. N. Mitra's opinion, however, the time has been too short for any firm conclusions to be drawn from the trade figures at present available. But what was accomplished at Ottawa was at most one step forward. The world at large has now come to realise that it has drifted into an economic impasse, and is earnestly seeking a way out. While these words are being written the World Monetary and Economic Conference is in session, and the outcome of its labours cannot be forecasted. Certain it is that until the vast problems before the Conference are in practice resolved, the future of commerce and industry must be uncertain and prophecy more than ever perilous.

3. India played no small part in the Ottawa Conference, and is again represented by its own delegation at the World Conference. Mr. Lindsay was appointed Adviser and Secretary to the former, and is serving as Adviser to the latter delegation. Sir B. N. Mitra is much gratified that his Trade Commissioner should have been selected for such responsible duties, and that the existence of the High Commissioner's Trade Department should have made available an officer of Mr. Lindsay's experience.

4. In a year so distraught as that under review it might be thought that no agency could do much to forward a trade recovery. This in one sense is true enough; in another sense the work of an official Trade Commissioner becomes the more important in pro-

portion to the deterioration of healthy trade conditions. It is at least as incumbent on him to watch for and report anything which may disturb existing trade—and in times like the present such disturbances are unfortunately many—as to endeavour to find markets for new trades and new markets for established trades. The High Commissioner is confident that in both directions his Trade Department has rendered good service, and that the Trade Commissioner's quarterly reports and occasional special reports are of no small value to those concerned with the export trade of India. The present report shows in detail how the Department is organised and works, and the catholicity of its interests and duties. The High Commissioner accordingly submits it for the consideration of the Government of India, and trusts that it may be widely perused by the commercial public of India.

5. In conclusion, Sir B. N. Mitra would like once more to bring to the notice of the Government of India the high ability and experience with which Mr. Lindsay carries out whatever tasks be imposed upon him, and the continued support which he receives from all members of his staff. He also desires to express his sincere gratitude to the many gentlemen, official and non-official, who have so readily responded to all calls for advice and assistance in the commercial sphere.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. M. GREEN,

*Deputy High Commissioner.*

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