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FOREWORD

Information pertaining to means of communication in China has been extremely meager, and, therefore, with the constantly increasing interest in China's highway development in mind, the present work is offered. The compilation has been made in as comprehensive a form as was possible and from the most recent available sources that could be secured.

China occupies an area larger by one-fifth than that of the United States. It has a population equal to all the European nations combined, and is rich in agricultural and mineral resources, yet its vast resources are woefully undeveloped, and foremost, probably, among present causes is its inadequate means of communication.

With China's administrative problems now apparently greatly improved, promising much encouragement for progressive development, it is believed that a description of highway development in that country, as now in course of construction and under projection, is of timely interest.

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