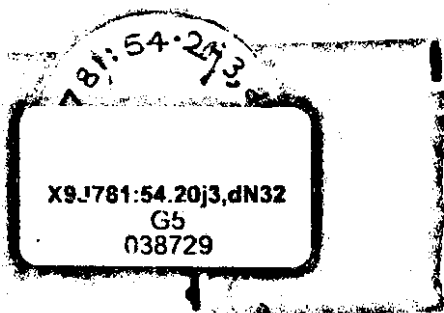




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## COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

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## LANCASHIRE INDIAN COTTON COMMITTEE.

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### NOTE ON THE COMMITTEE'S CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS.

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*For the convenience of readers who may not be fully informed as to the constitution and objects of the Committee, the following paragraphs are reproduced from the Introduction to the First Annual Report.*

“ The Lancashire Indian Cotton Committee was established by the President of the Board of Trade in the autumn of 1932, in pursuance of an undertaking given to the Government of India by the Government of the United Kingdom in the Commercial Agreement made between the two Governments at the Ottawa Conference in July of the same year. In September, 1933, the British Cotton Industry sent a Mission to India to discuss matters of mutual interest with representatives of the Indian Cotton Industry and to make representations to the Government of India. This Mission, under the chairmanship of Sir William Clare Lees, also included representatives of the Artificial Silk Industry, but for the special purposes associated with the problem of the extended use of Indian cotton, it may be conveniently referred to as a Lancashire Mission. It returned in November with a report which, upon its acceptance by all the responsible organisations in the British Cotton Industry, added fresh impetus and importance to the work of the Lancashire Indian Cotton Committee. In brief, the report of the Mission underlined and emphasised the desirability of a policy of economic reciprocity as particularly applied to all the interests associated with the cotton industry, from raw cotton to the finished product, in both countries, and embodied a programme of co-operation and mutual accommodation in which the Lancashire Indian Cotton Committee was allotted an active and significant part.

One of the most important proposals made by the Mission was the appointment by the Committee of a Lancashire Cotton Commissioner to reside for the greater part of the year in India, and to act as a personal link between India and the Committee in Lancashire.

In view of the extended programme of work which the Committee was called upon to undertake, the President of the Board of Trade, with the ready concurrence of the Lancashire trade organisations, considered it desirable to enlarge the membership of the Lancashire Indian Cotton Committee. This was done in January, 1934, and one of the first acts of the enlarged Committee was to approve the appointment of the first resident Commissioner in India.

It is important to appreciate how widely representative the Committee is of every activity in Lancashire which is capable of playing a part, directly or indirectly, in the project which the Committee was set up to promote, namely, the extended use of Indian cotton. The chairman, Sir Richard Jackson, himself a cotton spinner, has been connected for many years with the work of the British Cotton Growing Association and the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation, and, as one of the Lancashire advisory delegates who attended at Ottawa during the Imperial Economic Conference of 1932, has been associated with the movement from the outset. The other members include representatives of the leading trade associations in the spinning, weaving, finishing and merchanting sections of the Lancashire industry, whilst in the person of Dr. R. H. Pickard, a close link is established between the work of the Committee and the British Cotton Industry Research Association, of which Dr. Pickard is the director. Subsequent paragraphs of this report will show how the Committee is calling into being active co-operation between all these sections of the industry to further the end in view."

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