

limited staff and funds at their disposal, the Committee had to restrict themselves to ascertaining the experience, views and difficulties of those who are engaged in the small scale and cottage industries of the Province ; and as persons engaged in small scale and cottage industries are scattered, unorganised, and spread over the whole of the Province, the Committee had to appoint investigators for the purpose of interviewing a few persons in each district who are engaged in different cottage and small-scale industries. The industrial side of the notes, which follow, merely sums up the information collected by the investigators from the artisans and traders whom they interviewed. The Committee nevertheless have to recommend the publication of this material as Volume II of their Report in order that public interest may be roused in the economic and industrial conditions of the Province and these reports should be made the starting point for further and more elaborate investigation. They hope that Government will follow this up with a sample industrial census of the Province ; if this is done, these notes together with the results yielded by such a census will constitute a valuable store-house of information for those who are engaged in the task of planning the industrial future of the Province.

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May 3, 1940.

Chairman.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These Notes on the Economy and Industries of the various districts in the Province and of the Bombay City, comprising Volume II of the Report of the Bombay Economic and Industrial Survey Committee, were submitted to Government by the Committee in May 1940. The Committee expressed the view that these Notes should be printed for general information in order that public interest might be roused in the economic and industrial conditions of the Province. The Notes as received by Government needed, however, revision and re-shaping before they could be published. Government, therefore, appointed with effect from 3rd January, 1941, Mr. P. S. Nadkarni of the Finance Department, who had worked as the Assistant Secretary of the Committee, to carry out this work. Mr. Nadkarni worked under the general supervision of the Director of Industries and in the preliminary stages, in consultation with the Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee. Beyond putting into shape, and editing the Notes for purposes of publication, no alterations have been made in the drafts as originally submitted to Government by the Committee.

March, 1941.

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