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PREFACE.

THIS work is an epitome of the evidence collected and the recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Labour. Only part of the evidence was derived from the direct examination of witnesses—40 of the 65 Blue Books being devoted to other matter. But it is with that part that this volume is chiefly concerned, and to which most of the footnote references are made.

Those references are made in the following manner. The symbol "A" denotes the group of publications connected with the proceedings of Committee A, which dealt with the mining, iron, engineering, hardware, shipbuilding, and cognate trades. The symbol "B" denotes the group of publications connected with the proceedings of Committee B, which dealt with the transport trades. The symbol "C" denotes the group of publications connected with the proceedings of Committee C, which dealt with the textile, clothing, chemical, building, and miscellaneous trades. And the symbol "W" denotes the group of publications connected with the proceedings of the Commission sitting as a whole to examine the representatives of various movements, organisations, and institutions.

Each of these groups of publications comprises one or more volumes of the minutes, which give a full verbatim report of the oral evidence, of appendices, which contain a reprint of the documentary evidence, and of digests, which present the statements made by the witnesses in a continuous narrative form and as modified by the results of cross-examination. The symbols I., II., and III. denote the first, second, and third volumes of minutes, appendices, or digests.

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