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PREFACE.

THE following report is based principally on information acquired during visits to several countries on the Continent of Europe and to the United States and Canada, including British Columbia, during the years 1907 and 1908.

Though the electro-chemical industry is developing rapidly in many directions, the various works in this field are yet comparatively few in number and are located in widely scattered centres. For this reason, a comprehensive survey of the subject is made rather difficult. Moreover, the majority of electro-chemical works are still in a more or less experimental state, and the details of the processes are usually held in strict secrecy so that admittance is, in many cases, very difficult and often quite impossible to obtain by outsiders.

The developments of this industry, however, are well recorded in several important publications, the chief journal of this kind being the "Electro-chemical and Metallurgical Industry" (New York).

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