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## PREFACE

A PREFACE which may usually be dispensed with in a work of this character is needed in this particular case for three reasons.

In the first place, I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness in compiling this little handbook to several important works, but chiefly to the invaluable *Uebersichten der Weltwirtschaft*, a record started by the late Professor F. X. Von Neumann-Spallart, but now edited by Professor Franz Von Juraschek. It should be in the hands of all teachers dealing with the statistics of Commercial Geography. After this Scherzer's *Produkt und Consum* has been of most assistance to me.

In the second place, it is desirable to define the position of such a book as the present. It does not profess any originality. It is designed as a text-book to be used in schools and classes, and to furnish an outline sketch which may be filled in and elaborated by the teacher or lecturer.

In the third place, I would say a word as to the method I have employed. It is one which I have tested by several

years' teaching, and one which seems, to me at least, to impress itself upon students—perhaps by reason of its likeness to the household life with which they come into some contact. A great many statistics have been given with the object of illustrating the comparative position which the various countries occupy, and their relation to the United Kingdom. It does not follow that they should be learnt by rote. They will serve their purpose if they are so studied as to give the student an approximate knowledge of the importance of the different commodities, and of the situation and functions of the different nations.

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*August 1894.*



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