

District of Darjeeling and Sikkim ; and to the several Railway projects, sanctioned during the past two years and in the course of construction, by which the resources of Northern Bengal will be tapped.

In all works of an historical nature, criticisms will arise. In the few instances in which these occur—notably the article on the 'food problem' and its corollary 'an adequate fodder supply' on which the writer has had the temerity to advance solutions as, although the matter received the earnest attention of both the Forest Department and the Local Government, no practical solution was arrived at owing to these two moot questions not being fully understood, or considered by those at whose hands a solution was sought—the underlying motive has been the welfare of the populace, for the price of food products has been ever on the upward curve thereby bearing with undue hardship on the masses who under present conditions are barely able to eke out an existence. If the suggested solutions prove adequate, the powers-that-be should give immediate effect to them ; if inadequate, it is hoped that other and abler pens will thresh these problems threadbare until correct solutions have been arrived at.

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Finally, it was the desire of the Author to produce a work worthy of Darjeeling : how far the effort has succeeded is left to the Reader to determine.

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