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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

CENSUS OFFICE, Washington, D. C., June 14, 1902.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit for publication Part I of the Report on Agriculture. This part, which constitutes Volume V of the census reports, relates to farms, live stock, and animal products. Part II, which constitutes Volume VI of the census reports, relates to crops and irrigation.

I am greatly indebted to Henry Gannett, the geographer of the census, for the maps and diagrams contained in this volume, all of which have been prepared in the division of geography under his supervision. I take pleasure also in acknowledging the assistance rendered, in revision and proof reading, by the division of methods and results, under the direction of Walter F. Willcox, chief statistician for that division.

Both Part I and Part II of the Report on Agriculture are now completed and ready for publication. By such completion, the division of agriculture complies with the provision of law directing the publication of the reports of the census, prior to June 30, 1902. The completion and publication of this work prior to that date, and within two years from the close of the work of the enumerators, has called for the employment of a very large number of clerks. In the direction of their work, as well as in planning the work of the division, invaluable assistance was rendered by my corps of assistants, consisting of H. T. Newcomb (chief of division until his resignation, April 8, 1901), Hart Momsen (present chief of division), W. H. Olcott, R. H. Merriam, Henry Farquhar, C. H. Prescott, F. M. Woodward, and C. B. Hurrey. I can not speak too highly of the zeal and devotion to duty manifested by every one of them, and also of the efficient and painstaking work of the large number of clerks who have been employed in the division. It is, therefore, a pleasure as well as a duty to make acknowledgment of my appreciation of the services rendered by them.

Very respectfully,

Hon. WILLIAM R. MERRIAM,

Director of the Census.

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