## EDITORIAL PREFACE.

Some years ago I made a contract with Messrs. T. Y. Crowell & Co. for the editorship of certain volumes in their Library of Economics and Politics, and among them the present work by Dr. Fernow was included. Although I have resigned my position as general editor of this Library, I am glad to accede to the request of the publishers to continue the original arrungement for this volume.

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