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# **THE STOCK EXCHANGE OFFICIAL YEARBOOK 1875-1945**

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## **PUBLISHER'S NOTE**

This first unit of **The Stock Exchange Official Yearbook** contains the years 1875-1903. The title used during this period however is **The Stock Exchange Yearbook**: "Official" was not added until 1935.

In the preface to the 1875 edition Thomas Skinner defines the objective of **The Stock Exchange Yearbook** as being: "to provide a reliable and inexpensive digest of information relating to Public Securities and Joint-Stock companies. It is believed that no attempt has ever been made to give a descriptive account of all sections of this vast and rapidly increasing subject, and from the present magnitude of this form of investment and its certain continued development, such a work is considered likely to be of public usefulness."

The 1875 **The Stock Exchange Yearbook** contained a Calendar and Diary. These were omitted in 1876 in order to accommodate the rapidly growing number of entries and remain true to the promise of being "inexpensive": upwards of three hundred companies were added in 1876 without any increase in price. Each yearbook is divided into separate sections, with a comprehensive index at the beginning of each volume, for easy reference access. The sections listed in the 1875 edition are as follows:

Joint Stock Companies and Public Securities; Government Stocks - Home, Colonial and Foreign; Railways - Home, Colonial and Foreign; Banks; Insurance; Tramways; Telegraphs; Gas and Water; Mines; Steamships; Trusts and Miscellaneous Bonds; Miscellaneous Companies; Diary.

For each company **The Stock Exchange Yearbook** gives lists of directors, dates of establishment, details of trading, dates dividends are paid and of meetings, capital value and the amount paid up or subscribed.

Later volumes follow the same general format but some changes were inevitable as **The Stock Exchange Yearbook** grew in size and stature. With more and more companies participating and entries of greater detail, other sections were added. For example, in 1880 the Miscellaneous department was subdivided into: Iron, Coal and Steel; Land investment, Finance and Discount, Rolling Stock, Tea and Coffee; and Hotel and Brewery. In 1880 the gain in entries was three times the loss by liquidation. In 1881 a decision was taken to increase the size of the book by one-fifth, to: "allow for a large number of additional notices and the introduction of new features, such as: a list of interest payments due under each of the dates; a Calendarial Statement concerned in Stock Exchange Securities; and the addition to each notice of the latest market prices."

Within this microfilm collection, **The Stock Exchange Official Yearbook** is divided into five units, each of which being approximately twenty reels in length. Unit two covers the years 1904-1913 (20 reels).

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