

PREFACE

This bulletin is the third of a series dealing with the economic geography of Wisconsin. The first of the series, Bulletin XXVI, deals with the Geography and Industries of the state as a whole. It was issued in 1913 and is now out of print. Bulletin XLII (1915) is devoted to the Geography of the Fox-Winnebago Valley. The present bulletin discusses (1) the physical and climatic features of the extreme southeastern portion of the state, comprising five counties, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth; (2) the economic development of these counties from the time of their settlement to the present. This bulletin, like the earlier ones in the series, is designed for use in the schools, and for the general reader who may be interested.

The writer has gone somewhat into detail in discussing the industrial and commercial development of the larger cities of the region for the reason that the schools of these cities desire this information in their teaching of local geography and history.

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Every effort to secure accuracy has been made, and so far as possible original and official sources of information have been used, but such sources were not always to be had. The writer cannot hope that complete accuracy has been achieved but he has endeavored to approach it as nearly as he could.

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Fig. 1—Relief map of Wisconsin.