

An Atlas of the Geography of Illinois

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ABSTRACT

I have been asked to present to the Geography Section of the Academy a brief statement of a proposed Atlas of Illinois Geography, the purpose of the Atlas, the nature of its contents, the progress of the work, and the probable time of completion.

This Atlas is being prepared by Professor Haas of Northwestern University, Professor Blanchard of the University of Illinois, and myself in order to meet the needs of public school and high school teachers for a source of reference and supplementary material to the standard text books on the Geography of Illinois. The Atlas will consist mainly of maps and economic charts with a brief description of each chart. It will be composed of eight sections, as follows: Physical Geography, Climate, Agriculture and Forestry, Minerals, Industry, Transportation, Population, and a Special Chicago Section.

Collaborators on the Atlas, in addition to Professors Haas and Blanchard are Dr. Voskuil, Professor Cox, Professor Ward of Northwestern University and graduate students in their departments.

Up to the present time the sections on climate, agriculture, minerals, and portions of the Chicago Section are in progress or nearly completed. Publication of the Atlas should be sometime this coming year.

The nature of the illustration materials of the Atlas can best be grasped from an examination of some of the completed charts. (Several maps and charts that will appear in the Agriculture and Minerals sections were shown with a brief discussion of each.)