

# Work Of Shanghai Inspection And Testing Bureau For Past Year Is Declared Successful

## Organization With Aims To Promote China's Trade And Industry Recalls Work Done And Announces Future Plans

The Shanghai Bureau of Inspection and Testing of Commercial Commodities, organized and opened this time last year, has been in existence for exactly a year. Its organization and work are known not only at home but also in many other parts of the world. Judging from replies received from similar testing organizations in different countries of the world, the Bureau is pretty well established in the minds of industrialists and businessmen in America and Europe who are interested in international trade and industries.

To the local merchants who are immediately affected by the regulations governing the inspection of different commodities, the underlying purpose, the future aims of the Bureau remain as yet hazy. The reasons for their objections to the existence of such a Government Inspection Bureau are apparent.

The Bureau aims to develop China's export trade. Ever since its establishment the Bureau has been striving to pave way direct to American and European markets for China's products, to lift foreign ban on China's meat products, to have foreign governments recognize our inspection work, to draw foreign buyers or consumers and Chinese producers nearer to each other so as to effect direct trade, eliminating gradually the unnecessarily large number of parasitic middlemen or profit-eaters, to encourage exportation of better grades of Chinese products, and to remove the objectionable evil practices which retard the progress of trade.

### RAW SILK INDUSTRY

Take the raw silk industry, for instance, the enforcement of conditioning regulations will put raw silk transactions between producers and exporters on a sound and fair basis and thus stabilize the trade. This practice has been in existence for many years in other silk producing and trading countries. The change necessarily causes some temporary inconvenience to the exporters,

but in the course of a few months the exporters and filature merchants will adapt themselves to the new conditions.

Conditioning will also be applied to native silks as soon as their foreign exporters and the native silk merchants have made satisfactory arrangements among themselves as they have done so with respect to steam filatures.

The raw silk testing department by no means stops with conditioning work. It is also doing research work, with a view to improving the silk trade and industry. Two classes of research studies are now being conducted by the department. One is to establish evenness standard for China raw silk. Standard photographs for evenness inspection will be made to replace those made in Japan, because the Japanese evenness standard is not suitable to China raw silk. Secondly, a study is being made on the classification of China raw silk in order to determine the characteristic value of the different grades and to define methods of inspection. These studies along with the inspection work cannot but result in ultimate improvement of China's raw silk industry and trade.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

The other departments of the Bureau are also working to improve China's industry and trade. The animal testing department besides doing inspection work so as to eliminate the objectionable factor in our animal products, are also making studies on anti-rinderpes serum, on the disinfection of hides improvement of the methods of preserving eggs and so forth. These will help China's animal product to enter foreign markets and will ultimately lift the ban imposed on them by foreign governments. Letters are already addressed to the British Minister of Health asking for lifting of ban on our lard in view of our strict inspection work.

Our chemistry department in