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the laws concerning investments in every country, and the terms upon which investment business is transacted on every stock exchange of any importance throughout the civilised world; also by obtaining the financial handbooks issued in every country.

The information thus acquired was next classified in such a manner that its every detail should be instantly available when required. The unique and valuable records, thus begun, are now maintained and constantly brought up to date by the Registry's keeping a file of all the official price lists published by every stock exchange of any importance, regularly obtaining and analysing the balance-sheets of thousands of important undertakings throughout the world, and constantly supplementing such information by reference to the financial and daily Press of every country.

By means of this elaborate organisation the Investment Registry can answer any question regarding investments, whatever its nature, and no matter to what distant quarter of the globe it refers.

No one can hope to purchase really at its best unless he knows all the existing markets where any given class of commodity can be purchased, and the respective merits of all the commodities offered in each. That is why the Investment Registry employs its organisation constantly to watch all the stocks available for investment in each separate geographical area. The Registry has elaborated a system of mathematically precise comparison, whereby the relative safety, yield,