

## Yokohama Raw Silk Exchange

Office: Honcho, Yokohama. Managing Director, Mr. T. Isaka.

At the Yokohama Raw Silk Exchange transactions in raw silk are carried on extensively, the time limit for transactions in futures is five months. At the exchange two sessions (two calls for each session) take place every day except on Sundays and holidays. The standard used at present, is "Yajima grade", size 13-15 denier.

Reelers are using this organization to sell their product for forward delivery at the time when they buy cocoons. Thus they can be sure of a reasonable profit and be free from anxiety due to fluctuations of the market during the period between buying cocoons and selling finished products.

## CHAPTER IV

### RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

#### The Imperial Sericultural Experiment Station

Office: Nakano, Tokio. Director Dr. E. Hiratsuka.

The Imperial Sericultural Experiment Station was established by the Japanese Government in 1912 and is under the direct control of the minister of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. This institute has its central office at Nakano, in the suburbs of Tokio, and its six branch offices in important sericultural centres all over the country. The aim is to do all kinds of research work in the raw silk industry; to raise and distribute improved silkworm-eggs for breeding purposes; to make chemical analysis of mulberry leaves, raw silk, reeling-water, etc., and when asked, to deliver lectures and to instruct people by extension work. Improved silkworm-eggs raised here are distributed to the prefectural institutes for generating breeding silkworm-eggs, thus improving the quality of cocoons systematically.

#### The Imperial Silk Experiment Station

Office: Kita-naka-dori, Yokohama. Director Mr. G. Haga.

This governmental institute was established in 1918 and is located in Yokohama. Its aim is to make experiments upon the chemical and physical properties of raw silk, to investigate relations between raw silk and woven goods, to do research work in boiling, dyeing and finishing of silks and to give suggestions for improving the quality of raw silk, from the conclusions deduced from the above mentioned experiments.