This thesis was commenced with a view to assess the development and structure of a group of industries, the end products of which fulfilled a single purpose, that is providing the vehicles of transportation. As the study proceeded it became increasingly apparent that the industries of the group differed radically from each other, both in their functioning and their structure. Hence each of the industries of the group had to be separately studied and could not be grouped together. The Transport Equipment group of industries is becoming increasingly important over the years, and is a group of industries never earlier systematically studied.

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