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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE

This book is a translation of the twenty-third edition of Professor Gide's *Principes d'Économie Politique*, published in 1921, the first edition having appeared in 1883. In accordance with the plan followed in the English versions of earlier editions of the book, a certain number of modifications and adaptations have been made, with the object of making it more suitable to the needs of English readers. Thus illustrations and statistics drawn from French sources have, wherever possible, been replaced or supplemented by English ones, and in a few cases the text has been slightly abridged by the omission of details relating solely to French economic or legal procedure. But no material alterations or omissions have been made in the author's text without notice being given of them in the footnotes, and all matter for which the translator is responsible — other than English statistics, etc., substituted for French ones — is placed within *square brackets*.

The translator has made some use of Professor Veditz's English version of the eighth French edition, where the author had left his text unchanged. But this book may be regarded, broadly speaking, as an entirely new work.

It might perhaps be added that *sums of money* have been converted for the most part into their approximate English equivalents at the pre-war rate of exchange.