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history of operation 1891

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"Securing fair wages"  
Review of a six years state  
experiment

The old system was "the simple process of the acceptance of the lowest tender with no responsibility for the conditions of employment that might subsequently prevail under the contract." But this led to many serious evils. Also object which the # 076 had in adopting the "fair wages" system in 1891 was that "the State should throw its weight on the side of better conditions of employment" and "that a contractor must give to every man whom he employs the minimum current wages payable to a fully competent workman in each particular trade." - These are the interpretations set forth in the report of Select Comm.

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