

In the matter of social reform, Liberal governments have not followed in the federal field any policy of laissez-faire. The policy has been the direct opposite. The Department of Labour is a witness to the concern of the Liberal party for the well-being of Labour. It was a Liberal creation. The Labour Gazette, which has been published from month to month over a period now of 34 years, and which has been an instrument of investigation and information with respect to all phases of industrial conditions, was the creation of a Liberal administration. The annual reports and the special reports of the Department of Labour are all in the nature of state intervention in industrial problems. They were initiated by a Liberal government and developed under Liberal administrations on a scale far and away beyond anything attempted under other governments. Investigations into industrial conditions demanding reform have been a prominent feature of all Liberal administrations since Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government came into office in 1896.

Witness the investigation and reports regarding the need for the suppression of the sweating system in Canada the report in 1903 on industrial disputes in B. C.; in government clothing contracts, in 1898; the report, in 1906, on the coal miners strike at Lethbridge, Alta.; the report, in 1907, respecting hours of employment of telephone operatives; the report, in 1908, of the mission to England on the subject of Immigration to Canada; the report, in 1908, on industrial

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