

Labour Federation was to be appointed to represent Labour, and to meet the representatives of Capital at a Conciliation Conference. To this Conference a "Slate" was to be submitted, containing the terms proposed for all grades of workers, for a given time. Both parties to confer on the terms, and, when agreed upon, any one infringing the terms to be crushed out by the combined pressure of Labour and Capital.

The proposal was not adopted, and subsequently a gigantic strike, involving the whole of Australia in a species of mercantile anarchy, resulted. The history of that epoch-making strike will be dealt with in another chapter. The beginnings of that storm are introduced here only to show its bearings on the teachings and the methods of Lane.