

crushed; workmen were starved; revolutions followed; dynasties were overturned to obtain an independence which was then called "freedom." Now the cry is for municipal and Government control. The situation is reversed. The lessons of history have been forgotten, if ever understood. Bureaucracy, or Government control of all industries, is now bankrupting Russia. State ownership, directing, absorbing or controlling all enterprise, is now bankrupting Australia. Whether it is a tyranny of an aristocracy or of a democracy, the crushing of individual freedom and action produces the same result.

#### THE WHIRLABOUT.

In some countries this "whirlabout" has been on for some time with various results, usually disastrous; when disastrous, the landowner, the house-holder, the various private enterprises and established industries and mercantile and manufacturing houses pay the bill. Everything that taxation can reach pays the penalty for reckless and incompetent management.

To guard against such disasters various remedies have been suggested. As without experience there can be no good management—that municipal councillors should be elected for