

shows plainly that to assume the management of the railways—a secondary function, if it be a function at all—is to neglect services for which the people are wholly dependent upon the State.

Mr. M. H. Jacoby, President of the Council of the Fruit-Growers' Association of Western Australia, gave the Dominions Royal Commission some very interesting evidence as to the fruit-industry of that State. "Does the Agricultural Department in your State concern itself with fruit-growing as well as other matters?" he was asked.

"Not so much in the matter of teaching, although it does this to some extent, because it has instructors who go around and help the orchardists to improve their cultivation and fight the pests and so on. There is not, however, any organised department for the instruction of young men," replied Mr. Jacoby.

"Is it within its scope to undertake duties like that?"

"Yes."

"Has any attempt been made to give technical instruction?"

"My voice in support of that has been raised