

Carefully worked out and modified by experience, this system has proved thoroughly successful.

The new system of government has proved so satisfactory that a demand has arisen for the continuance of a business administration when peace returns. Those opposed to the idea assert that the term "business government," if analyzed, is meaningless; that an ordinary expert is an official without experience; that statesmen of the old school, trained in the science of government, are still needed to rule the destinies of the nation.

Conservatism is strong in England, and even Mr. Wells is not quite sure that the nation will at once take the right course by adopting state socialism. "There is," he says, "no spirit of coöperation between labor and the directing classes." It is also idle to ignore the forces still entrenched in the established church, in the universities and great schools, and the influence of class prejudice. He argues, however, that if masses of unemployed and unfed people are released clumsily into a world of risen prices and rising rents, of greedy speculators and hampered enterprises, there will be insurrection.