

Witness the Conciliation Act of 1900; the Railway Labour Disputes Act; The Industrial Disputes Investigation Act of 1907. All of these measures are the direct antithesis of laissez-faire. All are in the nature of state intervention in industrial conditions for the purpose of effecting regulation and control. The Fair Wages Resolution of the House of Commons, 1900, its various amendments, the enactment of the Fair Wages and Eight Hour Day Act in 1930, the report upon the opium traffic, these are all enactments of Liberal administrations within the scope of federal jurisdiction.

Much is being said of the virtues of investigation as a cure of industrial evils. I have all along contended that there are certain evils which are more readily cured by publicity than ~~that~~ by penalty, and that much in the nature of industrial wrongs, inhuman practices, greed and avarice were of this category. The Industrial Disputes Investigation Act is based upon this assumption.

The Combines Investigation Act of 1910 was a further recognition of the power of investigation to remedy commercial as well as industrial wrongs. That statute was repealed by a Conservative administration. Its re-enactment in enlarged form by a subsequent Liberal administration in 1923 was evidence

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