THE book aims first at giving a straightforward account of the traditional organisation and government of industry, and secondly at discussing sympathetically, but critically, a number of proposals and experiments designed to set that organisation and government on a more democratic basis. After a brief historical introduction, the dominant features of large-scale industry, with its developments of the joint-stock company and the combine, are passed in review: attention is drawn to its complex relations with the worlds of commerce and of finance: and an attempt is made to sum up the strong and weak points of the so-called "Capitalist System." In the second half of the volume various alternative methods of industrial government—Consumers' Co-operation, Collectivism, Communism, Syndicalism, Guild Socialism—are dissected and discussed; and the book ends with an enquiry into the meaning, merits and limitations of the policy of "joint control" of industry by employers and workpeople.
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