

in the same position that England was in prior to the passing of the Act, for she has to all intents and purposes run on parallel lines to England up to this point, but there she has stopped. It is from this stopping place that we wish to see her move on in line with the Mother Country and most of the other European countries. It is only by adopting the idea of town planning that this country will obviate the deplorable state of things from arising in New Zealand that made such a law an absolute necessity in England.

We will now come to

'The Town Planning Act, 1909 (England)'
9 Ed. VII., ch. 44.

It is difficult for a layman to grasp the full meaning of the Act, and more so for

refers to a department of the Administration of the United Kingdom constituted in 1871. The Board consists of the Lord President of the Council, the five principal Secretaries of State, the Lord Privy Seal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and a President appointed by the Sovereign. The Board itself seldom meets, its duties being performed by the president, assisted by a parliamentary and a permanent secretary, with a permanent staff. It exercises a general supervision over the numerous authorities to whom local government has been entrusted. Such a Board does not, of course, exist in New Zealand, but perhaps one could be constituted by the appointment of representatives from the leading local authorities, with the Minister for the Interior as president. This is merely a suggestion, but as we feel sure



A Pair of Houses in Holly Grove, Bourneville, England

a New Zealand one in view of the use of terms therein to which he is unused, owing to the different form of local government in England. In order to prevent confusion of mind we will first of all define the terms used in the Act. These definitions can be referred to when used hereafter. "Responsible authority" means a local authority, that is to say, a town, urban or rural council, or combination of several of these authorities, which has been duly authorised or compelled to prepare and carry out a town planning scheme. The term "local authority" is included in the above definition, and in New Zealand would presumably be a city or borough council, created under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1908," or a County Council under "The County Councils Act, 1908." The term "Local Government Board"

that it is only a matter of a very short time when a Town Planning Act will be in force in New Zealand, some such board will be necessary. We may repeat here that the object of this article is to stimulate interest in the minds of the public with a view to the immediate passing of a Town Planning Act in New Zealand, and add that we propose later on to issue in pamphlet form a Town Planning Act framed on the English Act, but so altered as to meet the different conditions existing in New Zealand, which we are having prepared by an able and experienced barrister.

"Scheme" may be taken to mean the plan of a proposed city or town together with the accompanying rules, regulations, and conditions with respect thereto which is submitted by the responsible authority to the Local Government Board for approval.