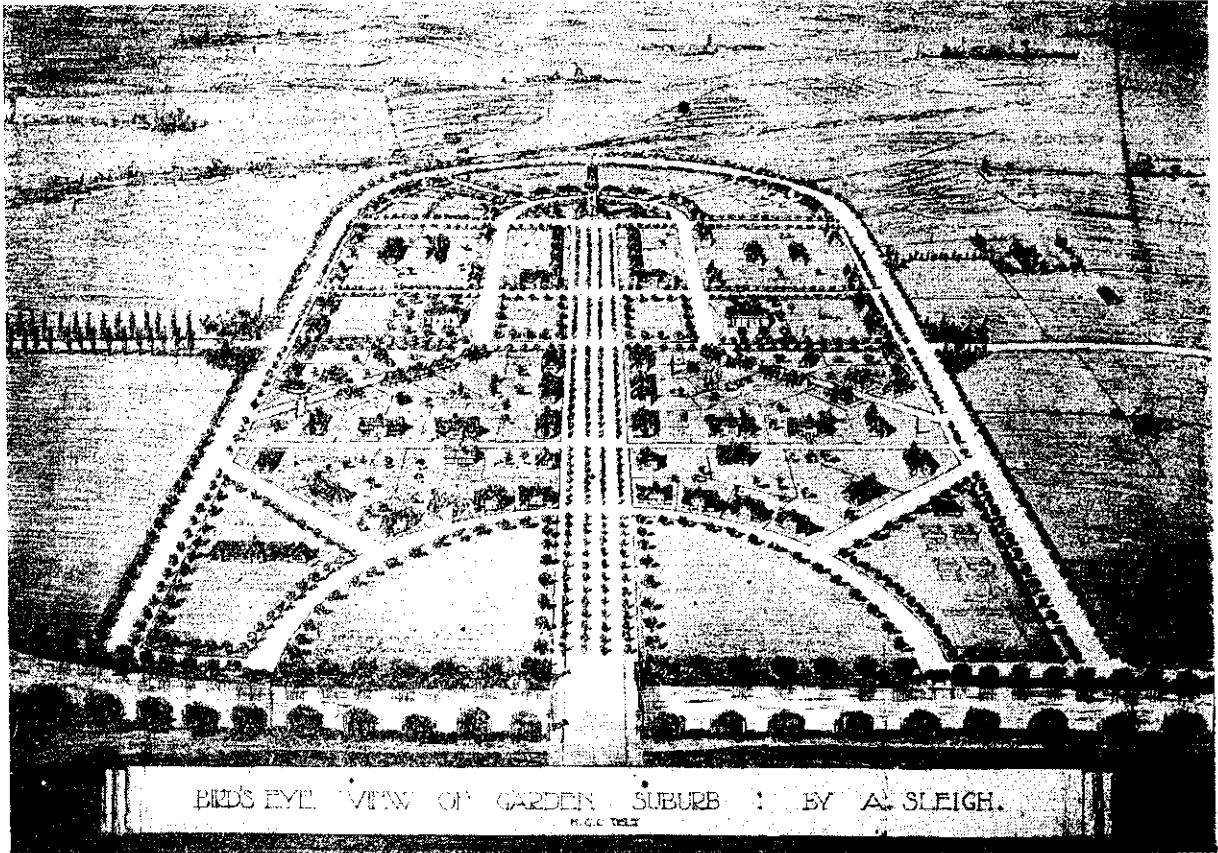


# New Zealand's First Town Planning Conference.

## A Review of Its Work.

An adequate description of the first New Zealand Town Planning Conference held in the Town Hall Wellington, from Tuesday, May 20th, till the following Friday, cannot be given within the limits of one article, and those who are interested in the

set up a number of committees to consider specific aspects of the movement and to make recommendations to the Conference. So that while the papers were being discussed in public, and the Conference during its opening days came under criticism for its



Bird's Eye View of a Garden Suburb exhibited at the recent Town Planning Conference held in Wellington, by A. Sleigh, of Christchurch.

movement will therefore look forward to the Government's official report, which will be a lengthy document. For several days the delegates, and a wider newspaper-reading public heard the ideals of town planning, city beautification, public amenities and proper housing, expounded in a series of papers all of which showed a high level of thought, and much practical good sense. This was the educative work of the Conference.

The constructive side of its work is what we propose to describe. After the Conference had been formally opened and speeches of welcome addressed to the three hundred delegates, it was resolved to

output of idealistic phrases with no practical outcome, effective work was all the time going on in committee.

### The Town Planning Bill.

Two large committees were set up to consider the Hon. G. W. Russell's Town Planning Bill, of 1917, one committee to deal with the question from the city viewpoint the other taking the country condition into consideration. These committees decided to amalgamate with the result that the Bill was considered by a strong representative body including town planners, legislators, municipal representa-