

tives, county council and town district members, and municipal officials. From every point of view the Bill was discussed, and under the able chairmanship of Mr C. J. Parr, C.M.G., M.P. (chairman of the Federated Town Planning Associations of New Zealand), the various interests, sometimes conflicting, were brought into line in a series of proposals representing a practical working agreement for a town planning and housing policy.

#### The Committee's Report.

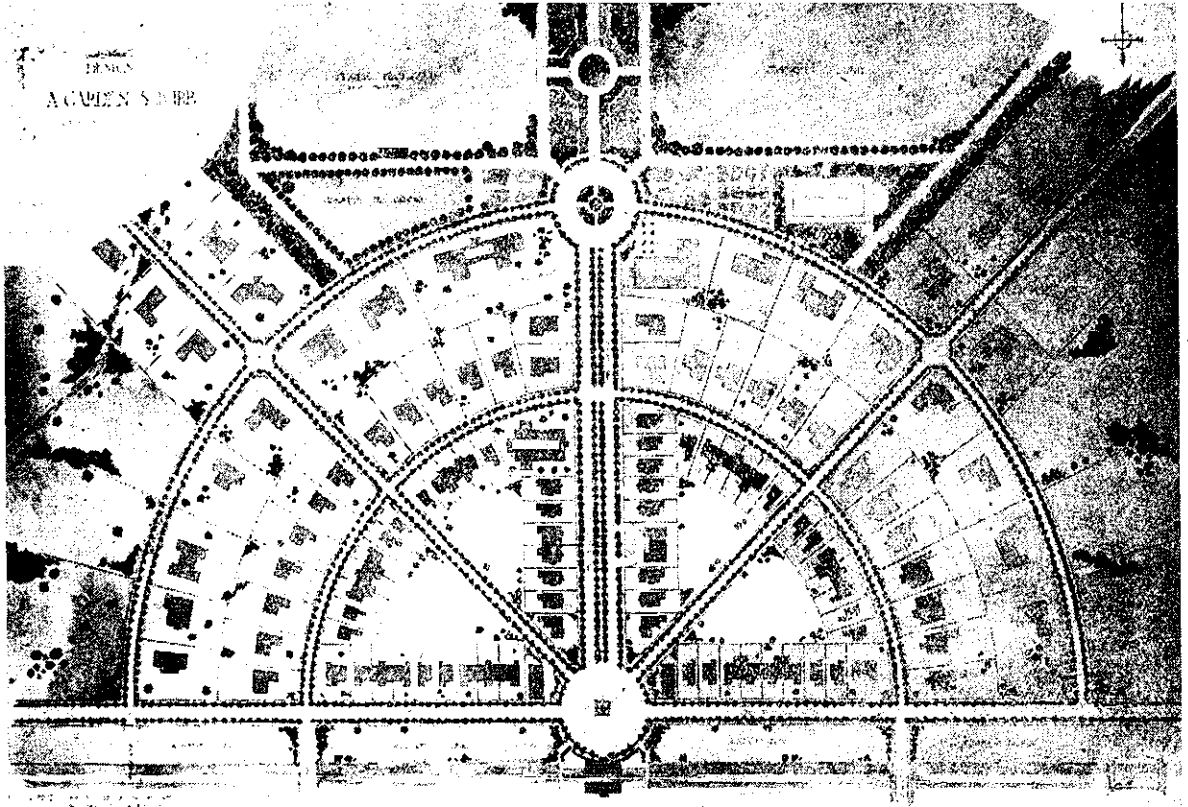
The Committee reported as follows:—

(1.) That this committee is of opinion that the

a first-class man who has had actual experience both in town planning schemes and garden cities, and who is recognised by civic authorities as a town planner of eminence.

(6) That the provisions in the Bill for the creation of local Town Planning Boards is approved, subject to further provision being made for the creation of special areas covering more than the existing boundaries of any local authority, with representation thereon of all the local authorities interested.

(7.) That where, owing to the development of any district, the immediate preparation of a plan for town extension becomes necessary, the Minister



A Garden Suburb Design from the recent Town Planning Conference. This Garden Suburb consists of 100 houses of varying sizes which stand on sections from one-half to one-eighth of an acre. The designer states that the rentals vary, but the minimum will be 10s per week. By A. Sleight.

principles of town planning should be applied to New Zealand and town planning schemes prepared without delay.

(2.) That for this purpose legislation is necessary in the form of a Town Planning and Housing Act.

(3.) That there be a Town Planning and Housing Department, and an expert Town planner appointed, the Department to have supervision over all town planning schemes.

(4.) That it is advisable to appoint a Central Town Planning Commission to consist of the Town planner and four other experts in engineering, architecture, surveying and public health.

(5.) The Town planner should be a competent and experienced town planner with a salary that would enable the Dominion to obtain the services of

may, in default of action by the local authority, direct the Town Planning Department to prepare such a plan for the consideration of the local Town Planning Board set up with or without the consent of the local authority; such plan to have legal effect after the steps provided in the Bill for consideration of objections have been taken.

(8.) That this committee approves of the betterment principle embodied in clause 19 (17), and suggests that with a view to its effective operation a special valuation should be made in areas to be covered by town planning schemes at the earliest possible date; such valuation to serve as a standard of comparison for the purpose of levying a special betterment rate when it has become evident that land values have increased owing to preparations for or carrying out of a scheme.