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## Editorial Comment

**Town Planner in the Cabinet.** Town Planners will welcome the appointment of Mr. C. J. Parr. President of the Federated Town Planning Associations of New Zealand, as a member of Mr. Massey's administration. He has accepted the portfolio of Education, for which his long experience as a member, and chairman, of the Auckland Education Board, also as a member of the Board of Governors of Auckland University makes him well fitted. Our congratulations would have been even more cordial had it been evident that Mr. Parr would also become the Minister of Internal Affairs—a position not permanently filled at the present date—because in such a capacity, we could expect the Town Planning Minister to make a definite forward move. However, it is a tremendous advantage to have within the Cabinet so earnest and able an advocate of the reform as Mr. Parr. In his public life he has shown more than the average amount of initiative, therefore we look forward with some hope to his influence upon his colleagues in the direction of securing legislation on the lines desired by the town planning bodies. Mr. Parr was the chairman of the special legislative committee set up at the last official town planning conference. It was a representative committee, of mixed opinion, for around the table were men who regarded the question from the view-point of town districts, county councils, and boroughs—to say nothing of the town planners who were out upon an educative mission in regard to members of these local bodies. Differences of opinion were, of course, very prominent, but the Chairman's happy combination of local administrative experience, plus town planning ideals, enabled him to co-operate with those enthusiasts who recognised the practical difficulties associated with parliamentary work, and to evolve amendments in the Hon. G. W. Russell's Bill which turned it into an acceptable working compromise to all. These amend-