

5. *Can you keep a car if you live in a State house?*

Yes. Provision has been made for the building of garages on most sections, and some have been built. At the moment the Housing Department regards the building of houses as of more importance, but many garages will be built when times are easier. On certain hillside sites where there is no space for individual garages or where there is difficulty of access, communal garages are to be built.

6. *Is it true that you cannot have your garden as you like it, but must do as the neighbours do?*

No. A tenant may cultivate his garden as he wishes. The State provides concrete paths, a tool-shed, clothes-lines, and fencing, and in other ways, such as providing shrubs and advising on layout, actively encourages its tenants to take a pride in their gardens. A rebate on rent is given to those tenants who try to improve their homes by tending the garden. Conversely, any one lazy enough to allow his surroundings to go to wrack and ruin will probably find himself penalized in the matter of rent, to the tune of perhaps 2s. 6d. a week. Any one who has seen a well-established housing scheme is struck by the obvious pride taken by tenants in their gardens. A householder finds public opinion heavily against him if he neglects to do his small part in keeping the appearance of the neighbourhood col-

ourful and attractive. To this extent there is pressure to do as the neighbours do, but most people make a pleasure of the duty.

So large a housing plan as that being put into operation in the Hutt Valley opens up an entirely new transport problem. The additional population housed when the programme is completed will be nearly 21,000. The passenger transport service is in the hands of the Railway Department, and at present is mainly by motor-bus connecting with the train to Wellington at Petone. At rush hours additional through buses are run to cope with the load. The Eastern Hutt railway is being extended to serve the new areas, and it is expected that it will soon be in service. It is planned that this will eventually be the main line to Upper Hutt and beyond, and it will without doubt be electrified as soon as the necessary equipment can be obtained. This with a feeder bus service will provide rapid and convenient transport into Wellington and within the area.

The Housing Construction Department has yet more ambitious plans to be carried out at Tamaki, Auckland. Here it is intended to build what amounts to a city of about 8,000 homes and 30,000 people. The work done by the department is everybody's business, and this article may help to let you know what is going on.



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