

It is highly desirable that a Housing and City Planning Conference be held each year under the auspices of the Commission of Conservation. Possibly this might take the form of a special annual meeting of the Committee on Public Health. Such a meeting would receive large publicity and the educative effect would be widespread and of great value. Local organizations would doubtless be formed throughout Canada as a result of such conferences, and the local public interest aroused would go far toward making effective action possible. A wide circulation of the Annual Report of the meeting would further assist in the same direction.

You will remember the satisfaction felt by all thoughtful Canadians when the Commission of Conservation was established. The inaugural address of the Chairman was an inspiration alike to right-thinking and right-acting and has widely affected Canadian thought and action ever since. To include city planning among the activities of the Commission is only to deepen the service it is rendering to Canada. This, too, is conservation,—the *conservation of life and desirable living conditions*. *The two are inseparable.*

We are now reaping the reward of the campaign of education already begun by your Committee on Public Health and its efficient officers. From Vancouver to Halifax this question is receiving attention as never before. In every civic centre there are citizens with the good-will, but who require advice and guidance to make their good-will effective. As an evidence of the wide-spread interest felt at present in housing you may be surprised to learn that no less than *fourteen* representatives from Canadian cities attended a recent meeting of the American Housing Association, held in Cincinnati.

It should not be necessary for Canadians to go abroad for information, leadership and advice on city planning. The Commission of Conservation should satisfy this want. It is men and legislation that are required, not money nor