

in your case, on practical considerations which give added weight to any argument which may be advanced on the basis of general principles.

"If the Bureau is formed to carry out research work, it should also give expert advice on questions of planning of land, streets and houses and of administration of public and private housing schemes. At a time when we are passing through a transition stage in connection with our industrial life, some such expert guidance would be most invaluable in connection with the reconstruction of our industries.

"It also appears likely that for a time at least some form of public contribution will have to be made, either as grants or loans to assist municipalities, and the different forms of private enterprise through the municipalities, to carry on building until capital becomes more plentiful and private investment in building becomes more secure.

"The housing question is being regarded as a national one in Britain and the United States and its solution in this country would appear to involve that there shall be some action on the part of all three forms of Government, federal, provincial and municipal; the action being primarily advisory on the part of the Federal Government and executive on the part of the municipalities, although to make it efficient certain executive functions would have

to interweave the whole machinery from top to bottom.

"As builders you are aware of the important connection between the method of developing the land,—including the method of planning and constructing the streets,—and the building operations which you carry on. It is perhaps unnecessary, therefore, for me to point out how important it is that any organization which may be set up to deal with the question of housing should also take into its purview the question of land development in relation to housing, and such problems of local transportation as have a direct bearing on housing. The long experience of England in this matter has produced the general conviction that the solution of the housing problem requires that it be dealt with simultaneously with the control of the land and the provision, where necessary, of means of transportation.

"If we are to obtain the best results from the efforts of builders and to get houses at an economical price or rent, we must have more economical methods of planning the land and less waste of our substance on land speculation.

"I trust, therefore, that in the consideration which you may give to the question of the industrial housing you will have regard to the importance of improving the planning of the land and regulating the growth of our cities and towns on more scientific lines."

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