

work.—*The Reduction of Domestic Mosquitoes, Instructions of the use of Municipalities, Town Councils, Health Officers, Sanitary Inspectors and Residents in Warm Climates.* By Edward Halford Ross, M.R.C.S., England; L.R.C.P., London; Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine; late health officer, Port Said and Suez Canal district; author of "The Prevention of Fever on the Suez Canal. 114 pages; 111 illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut St., 1911. \$1.75 net.

#### **A Practical Guide to the Preparation of Town Planning Schemes.**

In this very useful book it is pointed out that the general objects of town planning schemes are to secure proper sanitary conditions, amenity and convenience in connection with the laying out and use of land for building purposes and of any neighboring lands. The work is based upon the British Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act of 1909, written by a lawyer and an architect; and thus is produced a book peculiarly appropriate—the point of view of the two professions being so entirely different and still so essential to the preparation of town planning schemes that each author contributes much that the other could hardly be expected to have known.

Raymond Unwin writes the foreword and therein aptly points out that, while "Town Planning" has a prosaic sound, the words stand for a movement which has perhaps a more direct bearing on the life and happiness of great masses of people than any other single movement of our time. To put it shortly, "Town Planning" represents the attempt of the community to control town development, with a view to providing health, convenience and beauty. In the majority of instances towns have hitherto grown in such a haphazard manner that the banks of their canals and margins of their railway sidings are crowded with rows of cottages, while the materials of their industry for want of immediate access to these very canals and sidings have to be carted long distances at great expense and often with resulting congestion of traffic. Town planning, therefore, means the reservation for industrial uses of the areas most valuable for

the purpose by reason of having immediate access to rail, road or water conveniences; the arranging for the most convenient communication by road or railway between these industrial regions, and the most healthy and attractive areas; and it must provide the most convenient mode of access possible between both these areas and the great centres of exchange of wholesale and retail business. All of which would enormously add to the efficiency of the population, facilitating their industrial activities and rendering their dwellings more healthful and attractive.

The book is accompanied by a model set of colored plans and useful appendices, included in which is a recital of the contents of the British Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act of 1909.—*A Practical Guide in the Preparation of Town Planning Schemes. With appendices containing the text of the Act; Procedure Regulations; Extracts from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Act, 1906; Extracts from the Liverpool Corporation Streets and Buildings Act, 1909, etc.; also specimen forms of notices and advertisements, and a model set of coloured plans prepared in accordance with the regulations.* By E. G. Bentley, L.L.B., and S. Pointon Taylor, A.R.I.B.A. (members of the National Housing Council), with the foreword by Raymond Unwin. 159 pages. London: George Philip and Co., Ltd., 32 Fleet St., E.C., 1911. 5s. net.

#### **Reference and Guide Book, The Trent Canal.**

We have read with pleasure this excellent book, which is accompanied by maps covering the district between Hastings, on the Trent River, and the town of Orillia, on Lake Couchiching. The author, Mr. E. S. Clarry, of Peterborough, is to be congratulated upon the result of his work.

This district, known as the Kawartha district, has not been so long open to the health seeker and tourist for summer resort purposes as many of the other parts of Canada. But Mr. Clarry has pointed out that the present increasing popularity, of the various lakes and rivers included in the Trent Valley Canal, as a tourist and summer resort has lately added greatly to the number of private yachts, and with