

All the houses are built by private contractors except those erected by men being trained in house building by the Rehabilitation Department. Building contracts are let by tender to contractors, who employ their own men on the job. The size of each contract depends upon the capacity of the contractor. A small business may undertake the building of

the lower and middle income groups. Judged by the standards required by the average man, the fittings and finish are of excellent quality. The interior finish of houses of the Housing Department is often identical with that found in homes costing a good deal more.

3. *Is it true you cannot hang pictures where you wish in a State house?*



**Finished and occupied. Houses in the Epuni block—no power or telegraph poles here.**

three or five houses, the large concern may easily contract to build fifty. The contractors will in turn call in the aid of sub-contractors, who will do the electrical, the plumbing, and the plastering work in the houses. The Government employs overseers whose duty it is to see that all goes well on each contract. One overseer will probably have many contracts to look after. The number depends upon the size of each individual contract. The town planning and subdivision is done by the town planners, engineers, and surveyors of the Housing Department, and all the designing of houses and community buildings and building construction is carried out under the control of the Housing Department Architects.

2. *Are the interior fittings of good quality, or does the Housing Department try to save money here?*

The Housing Construction Department has set out to build a moderate-sized house of low enough initial cost to enable it to be let at a very moderate rental to

Partly true only. If you build a home of your own with plaster walls you do not, unless mentally defective, hammer nails into the plaster. You first put wooden plugs in the wall. In State houses a wood backing is inset between studs in the wall at a height of 6 ft. 6 in. from the floor. You may put nails or screws into this. The wooden backing is, of course, invisible when the interior finish is completed. Like any other landlord, the Housing Department has natural objections to tenants indiscriminately punching holes in the walls of its property.

4. *Is it true you may not keep domestic pets in your Government house?*

No, it is not true. You may keep a cat, a dog, a canary, or all three if you feel like it. Wherever you may live, you cannot keep a pet which your neighbours unanimously pronounce objectionable or dangerous. This has nothing to do with the Housing Department, but is a universal by-law.