

International News.

THE PROVISIONAL SOCIETY OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Representative Canadian Superintendents and Nurses have met in conference and laid the foundations of a National Association of Canadian Nurses, the foundations without doubt of one of the foremost national organisations of Trained Nurses in the world. As in our International relations we of all things love the personal touch, we print below the letter from Miss Agnes Snively, the *doyenne* of Canadian nurses, Lady Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, President of the Society of Canadian Superintendents, and now President of the Provisional Society of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses.

Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Oct. 15th, 1908.

To the President of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

I know you will be very pleased when I tell you that we organised our "Provisional Society of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses," with myself as President, and Miss Florence M. Shaw, of the General Hospital, Montreal, Secretary-Treasurer. I am enclosing a copy of our Constitution, which you will see has been borrowed for the time being from your Constitution. It seemed to suit our needs very well.

Ottawa was our place of meeting, and October 8th the date on which this was accomplished. The convention of the Superintendents of the Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses met in that city on October 8th and 9th, and the various societies represented in our National Organisation were invited to send delegates to this convention. Only one opinion was expressed, and that was that all were unanimously in favour of forming the National Society. Eighteen societies are included in our National Organisation, and we will now be in a position to make application for entrance into the International Council of Nurses; in fact, you are at liberty to regard this as an application, but the fee will be forwarded later.

I was so pleased to be able to tell you this piece of news that I have not taken time to have our Constitution printed before writing you this letter, and therefore enclose the copy of our Constitution type-written.

With kindest regards for your many letters of assistance,

I remain, yours faithfully,
MARY A. SNIVELY.

CONSTITUTION.
Name.

The Provisional Society of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses.

Objects.

1. To promote mutual understanding and unity between Associations of Trained Nurses in the Dominion of Canada.

2. Through affiliation with the International Council of Nurses to acquire knowledge of nursing conditions in every country, to encourage a spirit of sympathy with nurses of other nations, and to afford facilities for national hospitality.

3. To promote the usefulness and honour of the Nursing Profession.

Officers.

The officers of the Provisional Society shall be a President and a Secretary-Treasurer, elected for a period of three years.

Fees.

1. Associations of nurses on joining the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses shall pay an affiliation fee of five dollars.

2. Each Association affiliated to the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses shall pay a fee of two dollars, for each Delegate appointed by it to serve on the National Association.

Hon. Officers.

President: Miss Mary Agnes Snively, Lady Superintendent, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, Ont.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Florence M. Shaw, Instructress of Nurses, General Hospital, Montreal, Quebec.

Delighted we are to record this piece of good news, and we know the nurses already affiliated in the International Council of Nurses will rejoice with us. Canada is a very dear daughter in the chaplet of England's imperial crown of womanhood, and her nurses are second to none. All over the vast Dominion they are quietly doing their great humanitarian work, from silent Labrador to the pale Yukon Territory. In the fine cities in the east—Montreal, Toronto, and Ottawa—beautiful hospitals with fine training schools attached can compete with our best hospitals at home, and all through the various States well managed, if smaller, hospitals are being utilised as schools of scientific nursing. From sea to sea across the splendid Continent of North America, where the mother tongue is spoken from State to State, there are British nurses working for the betterment of mankind, and turning kindly and enquiring eyes towards the methods of old England. This is an inspiring thought. And next July! One can hardly yet realise the warmth of the welcome which will be extended to the daughter association of Canada, when the mother Council takes her by the hand, and in some historic sphere of healing presents her as a link in the chain which binds together the nurses of the world in international amity and helpfulness.

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