

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

MISS MARY ARD MACKENZIE.

Miss Ard Mackenzie, R.N., who has succeeded Miss M. Agnes Snively as President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, has had a distinguished career. Born at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, she was educated at the Model School in connection with the Collegiate Institute and University of Toronto, and received a B.A. degree with honours in modern languages in 1892, and a specialist's certificate from Ontario Normal College in 1893. Subsequently she taught in a High School for four years, and was Principal of a Church School for one year. She then entered the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., as a probationer, and graduated from this hospital, and from the Sloane Maternity Hospital, New York, in 1901. She held the position of Head Nurse at the Massachusetts General Hospital from 1901-1902, was Superintendent of the Vincent Memorial Hospital, Boston, 1902-1903; Superintendent of the Margaret Pillsbury Hospital, Concord, from 1903-1904; Superintendent of the Training School of the Brooklyn General Hospital, New York, 1904-1905; was engaged in private, district, and smallpox nursing in Washington from 1905-1908; and in that year returned to Canada as Chief Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, a position which she holds with distinction at the present time.

The Victorian Order of Nurses was founded under Royal Charter in 1897 in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, and

aims at carrying skilled nursing, by means of Cottage Hospitals and fully trained district nurses, to all parts of the Dominion; the post of Chief Superintendent is therefore an onerous and responsible one.

The Canada National Association of Trained Nurses entered into affiliation with the International Council of Nurses at its last meeting in London in 1909, when the President at that time, Miss M. Agnes Snively—to whom the Association owes much—and four delegates were present, and Miss Snively presented a report, comprising a review of the status of

Nursing Education from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, demonstrating the unity of Canadian Superintendents and Nurses through their various organizations. Since that time Ontario has been the first State to recommend a Bill, and as the whole of the nurses' associations in the Dominion, with the *Canadian Nurse* as their official organ to voice their needs, are working wholeheartedly with this object, the registration of nurses throughout Canada is an assured fact in the near future.

Territorially the Dominion of Canada is the largest country at present in membership with the International Council of

Nurses, and great honour and prestige have already been conferred upon it.

By special permission of the late King, during the International Congress week in London in 1909, Miss Snively, as President, in the presence of the Canadian Delegates, was permitted to place a floral offering on the tomb of Queen Victoria at Frogmore, and King Edward subsequently accepted an illuminated address by the President, a duplicate of which is preserved in the archives of the Association at Toronto.



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