

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO LIEUTENANT ROBERTA CATHERINE MACADAMS.

THE NURSES' M.P.

The election for two seats in the Alberta (Canada) Legislature offered to the province's soldiers and nurses serving in the Canadian or Imperial Forces has resulted in the return of Captain R. Pearson and Lieutenant Roberta Catherine MacAdams, who is attached to the Canadian Army Medical Corps, and who is acting as instructress of Dietetics at the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington. The two new M.P.s secured 4,286 and 4,023 votes respectively out of the total of 25,601 votes cast for the 21 candidates.

Miss MacAdams, M.P., says that she regards her election as a vote of confidence in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, as many did not vote for her personally, but for "the Sister," and adds, "we stand for the fighting exiles." The Press is in error in describing Miss MacAdams as the "Nursing Sister M.P."; she is not a trained nurse, but may correctly be described as the "Nurses' M.P.," as she was elected by nurses and soldiers.

Miss MacAdams becomes the second woman legislator in Canada.

A picture of Miss MacAdams appeared in our issue of August 4th last, and as soon as the good news was cabled through, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING conveyed by telegram its hearty congratulations to the new M.P. upon this most honourable distinction.

CANADA LEADS THE VAN OF PROGRESS.

The Canadian Parliament has been prorogued, the Senate having passed the third reading of the War Time Election Franchise Bill.

The Bill enfranchises the soldiers' nearest of kin women—wisely excluding conscientious objectors and enemy aliens naturalised since 1902.

Sir Robert Borden has promised that if he is returned to power it is his purpose to place upon the statute-book a measure granting the franchise to all women of British birth, and conferring upon women of foreign birth the right to seek and obtain naturalization, so that they may thus become endowed with the same privilege after suitable residence in the country, and, perhaps, after suitable educational tests.

The same measure should provide that a woman of British citizenship shall not lose her citizenship upon marriage, except with her own consent.

We hear on good authority that in spite of the peeresses it is intended to press the enfranchisement of women through the British Parliament at the earliest possible date, so as to go to the country with a new register before the summer.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN AND DISHONOURED WOMANHOOD.

The following resolution has been sent by the National Council of Women of Victoria to Lady Aberdeen, president of the International Council of Women, and to the French National Council of Women, signed by Lady Stanley as president of the local council:—

"That this, the N.C.W. of Victoria, representative of fifty organised associations of women, desires to express the deepest possible sympathy with the women of France, Belgium, Russia, Poland, Servia, Montenegro and Armenia. We view with abhorrence and detestation the awful crimes which have been perpetrated upon many of them by our inhuman and degraded enemy, Germany. We consider that by driving our sisters into the worst possible form of slavery amongst brutalised soldiery they have, by dishonouring womanhood, sapped the foundations of our common civilisation."

It was decided that a letter be sent by the International Secretary to the secretaries of the International Council of Women asking what attitude they are taking with regard to the atrocities, and also whether, in view of the very strong feeling existing in Australia, they would be in order in tabling a motion that shall come up automatically at the first meeting of the International Council after the war to the effect that the German women shall express their abhorrence of these ill deeds also before they shall be allowed to regain their former position among the women of the world.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Three public meetings are to be held in connection with the Annual Council Meeting on the 3rd and 4th of October, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.C.

Citizenship, on Wednesday, 3rd, at 8 p.m., with Mrs. Allan H. Bright in the Chair; with Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D., and the Right Hon. the Lord Sydenham, as speakers.

The Work of Women Patrols, on Thursday, 4th, at 2.30 p.m., with Mrs. Creighton in the chair; and at 8 p.m., Women in Industry. Changes due to the War, and the Outlook for the Future, at which Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon will preside.

Tickets can be had from the Secretary, N.U.W.W., Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

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