

draft programme of the subjects to be discussed at the Congress at Montreal was issued by the Programme Committee a mere list of names could be of little practical use to it, and as Miss Reimann's expression of opinion "that there will be very little opportunity for your Association (the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain) to propose speakers later on" was considered an individual one, it was agreed to await further information from the Committee on Programme, so that the names to be submitted from the parent Council (Great Britain) might be worthy of acceptance as experts and of real value to the International Congress.

Boat Inspection.

Thos. Cook and Son, Ltd., had submitted a list of boats which might be viewed in docks, for Montreal Congress: Canadian Pacific, Cunard, and White Star Lines.

Miss Bushby and Miss Darbyshire had inspected the *Carmania* (Cunard) at Tilbury on May 10th, and submitted the following report:—

Cunard R.M.S. *Carmania*.

On Thursday, May 10th, 1928, Miss Darbyshire and I were kindly motored to Tilbury by Miss Cuthbert, and we were met at King George V. Dock by Mr. Harper and Mr. Collins.

On boarding the *Carmania* we were received by Mr. Cunard, who took us all over the boat. She is a splendid vessel (20,000 tons) and the cabin accommodation is everything that could be desired.

The accommodation for Tourist Third cabin passengers is quite good for the money. The cabins are small and hold three or four berths, but in June the passengers are few in number and only two passengers would in all probability be in each cabin.

Some of the cabins have no port-hole, but a good supply of air is pumped into each.

Bathroom and Lavatory accommodation appear to be ample.

The Dining Saloon is large, but somewhat low-pitched, with small tables to hold four; it gave a nice appearance, as each table had a pot of flowers.

The Food is of the same quality as supplied to the Saloon passengers, but not so varied.

Lounge and sitting rooms were as good as could be expected.

The Deck Space was ample, having four portions set apart for Tourist Third passengers.

No vessel over 15,000 tons can go to Montreal.

If 300 Tourist Third passengers were to go by one boat special arrangements would be made for them; if 600 passengers went they would charter a vessel, but six months' notice would be required.

They could not guarantee that the boat would arrive on July 6th, 1929, it might be the morning of July 7th, 1929.

No passengers are embarked at the London Docks, but at Liverpool, Southampton, or Glasgow. If the Continental Delegates would join with the English they could embark at Cherbourg, and the boat then proceed to Southampton.

Mr. Cunard was most emphatic that they would do even more than they promised as they liked taking large parties, and had much experience in arranging for different organisations. They would even change the date of sailing to suit delegates.

Mr. Cunard gave us tea and so ended a very pleasant afternoon.

(Signed) A. M. BUSHBY.

The *Cedric*, White Star Line.

Miss Emily J. Haswell inspected the *Cedric*, White Star

Line, on May 18th. The boat is 21,227 tons, and reports:—

"This boat sails between Liverpool and New York, and I was assured that all their boats arranged for Tourist Third Cabin are very similar. I found the Tourist Third Cabin accommodation good. The berths, which were made up ready for sailing the next day, were spotlessly clean, and the mattresses looked good.

"The Berths are on Deck 'D' and 'E' and do not extend very far aft (plan enclosed). There is a nice Dining Room, and I was assured the food is very good. I also saw the Lounge and Library, both comfortable-looking rooms. There is I think, quite adequate Deck accommodation. From what I saw I should have no hesitation in travelling Tourist Third Cabin. The White Star carry on these boats Cabin, Tourist Third, and Steerage.

"There is a weekly sailing from Liverpool and Glasgow to Montreal, and a fortnightly sailing from Southampton to Montreal."

Miss Haswell will later inspect other boats on Canadian Pacific and Cunard Lines. Further information will be available later.

The Election of International Officers.

Nominations for the election of the Five International Officers have to be sent to Headquarters at Geneva before November 1st, 1928, and a Nomination Blank was before the meeting for the offices of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Committee nominated certain ladies for these positions— which nominations will be circulated to the affiliated Societies later, so that their opinion may be secured in time to conform to the Bye-Laws of the International Council.

Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations.

The questionnaire issued by the above Committee had been considered and the following names had been recommended as suitable for service on the Health Committee of the League of Nations:—

By the College of Nursing: Miss Ellen Mary Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C. (Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales); also Miss O. Baggallay and Miss H. Viney.

By the British College of Nurses: Miss Helen L. Pearse (Superintendent of School Nurses, London County Council).

The questionnaire having been filled up for Miss Musson and Miss Pearse, the Committee agreed to send these two names forward. The Chairman stated that applicants should hold Governmental, Statutory or Municipal positions of responsibility, to inspire confidence in their qualifications, as there appeared little inclination upon the part of the League of Nations to recognise the value of Women's co-operation.

Press Exhibition at Cologne.

It was reported that a small consignment of literature had been sent to the International Council of Nurses' Exhibit at the International Press Exhibition at Cologne, and also to the Exhibit of the International Council of Women, the section entitled "Women as Reflected in the Press" dealing with such subjects as equal franchise, education, nursing, clerical work, engineering, house-keeping, etc.

Application for Affiliation from the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.

An Application for Affiliation from the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was received and considered, and it was unanimously agreed to accept the application with pleasure.

The Chairman pointed out that the Matrons' organisations had nearly all come forward to co-operate in the work of the

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