

St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers. It is one of the most ancient cities of North America.

About 75 per cent. of the inhabitants of Montreal are of French origin.

It contains many historic buildings and is so rich in magnificent churches and religious institutions of imposing architecture that it has been called the Rome of the New World.

It is a great manufacturing centre and distributing point, which is due to a great extent to its geographical situation.

Montreal is at the head of ocean navigation on the St. Lawrence River, and at the point where the enormous cargoes transported by ships of the Great Lakes are transferred to the transatlantic liners. This has made it become one of the largest seaports in the world, and it is to-day the second port in importance on the Continent of North America.

In 1535, Jacques Cartier, sailing up the mighty St. Lawrence, came upon a large fortified Indian village: this Indian village marks the site of a part of present day Montreal. Champlain in 1611 established in Montreal a trading post, and in 1642 Paul de Chomedey, Siour de Maisonneuve, founded the city proper.

Montreal remained under French rule until 1762 when Canada became an English possession under the treaty of Paris.

Montreal has an area of 50 square miles. Greater Montreal population—1927 census—is 1,129,783.

Montreal is noted for its many religious and charitable institutions, some of which have continuously performed valuable service for over 250 years.

Montreal has over 250 public schools, all bilingual, i.e., teaching both French and English languages from the earliest grades.

Two of the best known institutions for higher education on this continent, the University of Montreal and McGill University, are located in Montreal, besides numerous theological colleges in connection with the Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Anglican Churches.

Numerous theatres, concert and dance halls, moving-picture halls, skating rinks, arenas, etc., give equal opportunities to those seeking indoor amusements.

Montreal is a good city to live in, to work in, and to play in.

**NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.**

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.**

A Conjoint Meeting of the Executive Committee and the Montreal Congress Sub-Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 30th, in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., at 3 p.m. The President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) will be in the chair. The Agenda will be circulated later, but in the meantime those concerned are asked to note the date and keep it free, as there is important business to be transacted.

**INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.**

The Annual Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association will be held, by kind invitation of Miss Drakard, at the Plaistow Fever Hospital on Wednesday, April 24th, at 3 p.m. Members hoping to attend are asked to notify Miss Drakard before Monday, April 22nd.

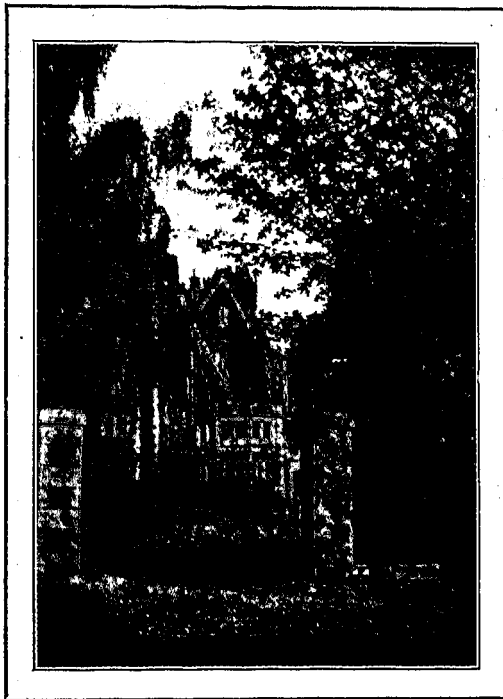
**THE IRISH NURSES' UNION.**

The Irish Nurses' Union, 29, South Anne Street, Dublin, has secured a substantial increase in salaries for the nurses in Loughlinstown Hospital, Rathdown Union, which had been the subject of negotiations for some time; and also the granting of a full day's leave per week for the day nurses in Dublin Union Hospital, where the hours have been very long.

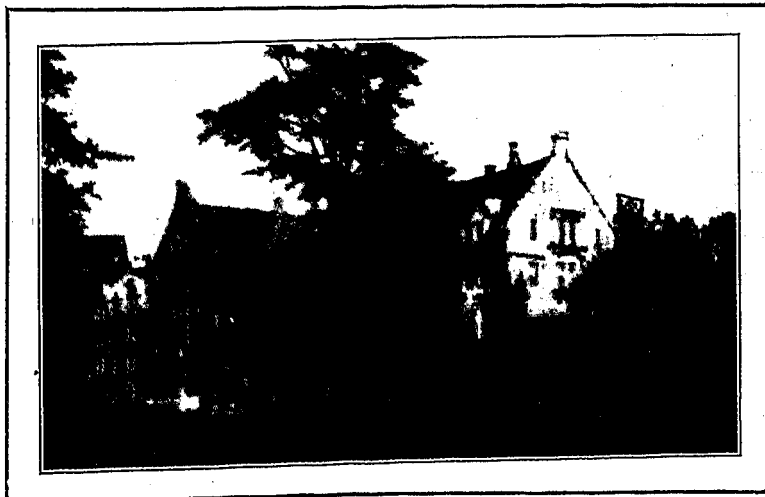
The Annual Council Meeting will be held in the first week in May (the exact date and also the place in which it will be held will be advertised in the Press later).

The Annual Council consists of delegates elected by each Branch, or group of nurses, according to numbers, and other delegates, not exceeding eight, nominated by the Joint Executive to represent members not organised in any group chosen to represent as fully as possible the various classes of employment among the members. This Council is the final governing body of the Union.

The Executive Committee and Officers for the coming year are elected at the Annual Council Meeting, and any member may forward nominations. Nine general nurses and nine midwives will be elected. These should be resident in Dublin, or near it, so that they can easily attend meetings.



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