

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES. THE MONTREAL CONGRESS.

The preliminary Programme of the International Congress of Nurses, convened by the International Council of Nurses to meet at Montreal July 8th-13th next, on the invitation of the Canadian Nurses Association, has now been issued, and will be found in the following columns.

Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, Ltd., the official travel agents, have also issued an attractive illustrated pamphlet containing information which will be of much use to those who hope to attend the Congress, and which also contains the Programme (abridged). It can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 39, Portland Place, London, W. A half-penny stamp for postage should be enclosed.

Miss Mabel K. Holt, Lady Superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital, whose charming portrait we published in our February issue; is Convenor of the Committee on Entertainment, and information as to the social side of the Congress will be issued later.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the first invitation offered is one to the Board of Directors and the Official Delegates composing the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Holt has planned for a special train to take them to Ottawa, the capital of Canada, and the seat of Government, on July 3rd. There they will be the guests at luncheon of the Nurses of Ottawa, and, in the afternoon of that day, they will have the honour of being entertained at Government House

by their Excellencies Viscount Willingdon (the Governor-General of Canada) and Viscountess Willingdon.

Viscount Willingdon, who has had a distinguished career has been Governor-General of Canada since 1926, and has also been Governor of Bombay and of Madras. Viscountess Willingdon is a daughter of the first Lord Brassey, to whom Viscount Willingdon, then Mr. Freeman Thomas, was A.D.C. when Lord Brassey was Governor of Victoria.

The Meeting of the Board of Directors was convened for July 3rd, so in order to accept the invitation of the Governor-General and Lady Willingdon it has been decided that the first meeting of the Board of Directors shall be convened for Tuesday, July 2nd at 9 a.m., and that its meetings shall be suspended on July 3rd, and resumed and continued from July 4th-7th.

The Meetings of the Grand Council are convened for July 5th-7th.

It will be realised, therefore, that it will be necessary

for the Hon. Officers of the International Council of Nurses, the Presidents of National Councils, and the Official Delegates who are travelling to Montreal from Europe, to leave a week earlier than the main party who are travelling by the *Alaunia* to attend the International Congress of Nurses, but not the business meetings of the I.C.N. For this purpose the *Ascania*, a sister-boat to the *Alaunia*, also of the Cunard Line, will probably be found to be the most convenient boat.

The International Officers, and Official Delegates attending from Great Britain are:—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the International Council of Nurses, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses.

Miss M. Breay, Treasurer, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss Helen L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss Rachel Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., President College of Nursing.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Councillor, British College of Nurses.

The Sub-Committee on Exhibits of the International Congress announce that applications for Exhibits space should be made immediately. The arrangements are in the hands of Miss C. M. Ferguson, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has asked that some space may be reserved for it, and

the Hon. Secretary will be glad to hear from any of the Affiliated Associations on the subject, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

The International Catholic Guild of Nurses is convening a Conference to be held in Montreal on the two days preceding the Congress of the International Council of Nurses, and Nurses from this country desiring to attend this Conference would probably find the *Ascania* the most convenient boat.

The Guild has members in about 228 cities in the United States as well as in 20 cities in Canada and several cities in Europe. An invitation is extended to those attending the Congress of the International Council of Nurses to arrive in Montreal early enough to attend the other Conference, for which a very interesting programme is being prepared. Father Garesche, S.J. who is the General Spiritual Director of the International Catholic Guild of Nurses, is well known to many members of the nursing profession.



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