

THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, MONTREAL.

The Royal Victoria Hospital, Pine Avenue, Montreal, owes its existence to the generosity and public spirit of two great men, Lord Mount Stephen and Lord Strathcona, who, in 1887, dedicated the original endowment of one million dollars to the commemoration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The choice of a site fell on the present ideal location far above the city on the mountain side, overlooking the valley of the St. Lawrence. Building was begun in 1889, and the first patients admitted in 1894, the hospital then accommodating 146 patients.

Since that time the hospital has shown tremendous progress now having attained a capacity of 700 beds, exclusive of children's beds. A Nurses' Home was erected in 1907, the old quarters being required for patients' use

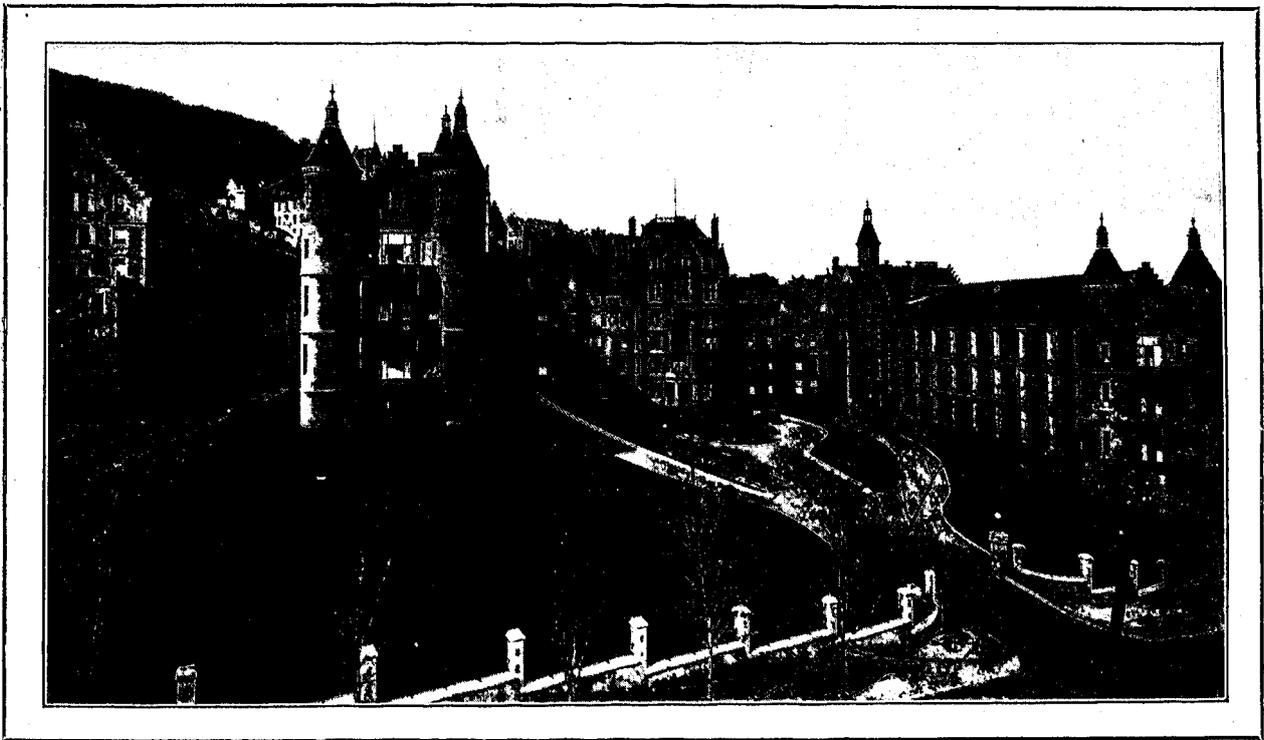
Not only is the Royal Victoria Hospital designed to meet the needs of the sick and afford training for nurses, but it carries on an extensive programme of research in all branches of Bio-chemistry, Pathology, and Bacteriology. It is connected with the McGill Pathological Department by tunnel, and is closely associated with its work.

The past expansion seems a good criterion of future developments and it is expected that both Hospital and Training School will continue in their splendid service to the public and will add still more to an illustrious record.

MISS MABEL F. HERSEY,

President Canadian Nurses' Association.

Miss Mabel F. Hersey, Superintendent of the School of Nursing connected with The Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and who as President of the



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and laboratories. Already this residence has been outgrown and temporary adjuncts are employed. A new wing was constructed on University Street in 1922 to meet the growing demands of the dispensary service. Here 67,702 patients were treated in 1927. In memory of his parents Mr. J. K. L. Ross erected the Ross Pavilion in 1916. This is a complete unit of six floors accommodating 120 private patients. In 1926 the Women's Clinic, which incorporated the Old Montreal Maternity Hospital, began to function with a capacity of 212 beds. This department, complete in itself, typifies all that is efficient in the modern hospital construction and equipment.

The training school, of which Miss M. F. Hersey is Superintendent, has been in existence since 1894. It offers a three-year course of training and has to its credit a thousand graduates. There are at present 224 pupil nurses and a staff of 67 graduates of whom four are full time instructors. Affiliation is offered to many smaller schools whose services are not adequate to meet the present requirements of nursing education.

Canadian Nurses' Association will have the honour of representing Canadian Nurses at the International Congress of Nurses meeting in Montreal, July 1929, is widely known and highly esteemed in connection with her many activities in the advancement of Nursing Education.

A Canadian by birth and education, she graduated from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, in 1905, after which she acted respectively as Head Nurse, Night Supervisor and Assistant Superintendent of Nurses and, in 1908, was appointed Superintendent of Nurses, which position she still holds. Last summer Miss Hersey resigned from the Presidency of the Association of Registered Nurses of the Province of Quebec to accept the position she now holds in the Canadian Nurses' Association. She is an active member of the Committee of the Montreal Graduate Nurses' Association and the Victorian Order of Nurses' Local Committee, and was keenly interested in the establishment of the School for Graduate Nurses at McGill University, which school she still serves in an advisory capacity. Her keen interest in nursing affairs and the

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