

## THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

It is indeed appropriate that the Silver Jubilee of the Canadian Nurses' Association falls due in 1934, a year in which Canada celebrates the fourth centenary of the discovery of the Dominion by Jacques Cartier, who set foot on the Atlantic coast in July, 1534, and took possession of the country in the name of the King of France.

Canada is celebrating four anniversaries this year. Individually, they are of first-class significance; together they are of truly Imperial importance, and preparations on a national scale are being made for combining the four occasions into one continuous pageant lasting until the end of the summer.

1. Four hundred years ago Jacques Cartier first landed on what was afterwards to become Canadian soil.

2. Three hundred years ago the city of Three Rivers, one of the oldest in North America, and now an important industrial centre, was founded by Sieur de Lavolette.

3. One hundred and fifty years ago the Empire Loyalists, who refused to remain in the United States after the War of Independence, migrated to Canada, sacrificing their homes and their fortunes on the altar of loyalty.

4. One hundred years ago Toronto, one of the greatest industrial cities in the Empire, now the capital of Ontario, received its charter of incorporation as a City and entered upon an era in which it has played a leading part in the progress of Canada's national development.

Four nations, Canada, Great Britain, France and the United States, will take part in the celebrations, one feature of which will be the dedication of Fort Niagara, which played a part in the Anglo-American War, as a monument of the peace which has since existed between the two countries.

Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, and, of course, Ottawa, will be prominent centres of festivity.

The four anniversaries will constitute perhaps the greatest national celebration Canada has ever had. Wonderful co-operation has been forthcoming from the various Governments concerned, and the cities in which the pageants will be held will draw thousands of visitors from all parts of the world.

### THE NURSES WILL PLAY THEIR PART.

Canadian Nurses were fortunate in having in power one Mary Agnes Snively (known as the Mother of Nursing in Canada) as Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Toronto, when the nursing world awoke to the need of organisation in the year 1899, the call to arms sounding in London. Miss Snively was in England in that momentous year, and took part in the inauguration of the International Council of Nurses, and acted as its first Treasurer for five years.

Later, in 1908, she was the leading spirit in organising the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses with members from coast to coast, which in 1924 adopted the title of the Canadian Nurses' Association. Revered throughout the whole nursing world, this great woman passed to her rest in 1933, aged 86.

But the fruits of her labour live after her—and it

is this great Canadian Nurses' Association, active in every Province of the Dominion, which is to celebrate its Silver Jubilee in Toronto from June 26th to 30th next, for which meeting wonderful preparations are being organised, and an exceedingly attractive programme is in preparation.

The national meeting includes strenuous business sessions, but reading between the lines, the various associations of nurses appear to be vying with one another as to which shall offer the most delightful hospitality. Trips, teas, a Banquet at which Dean Ira MacKay, of the Faculty of Arts, McGill University, will be the guest speaker, a garden party, and there will be shown a pageant in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, depicting the historical development of nursing in Canada. Two great pioneer heroines will, no doubt, be there, Mere Marie de l'Incarnation and Jeanne Mance, the latter so perfectly represented by Miss Isabel McIntosh in the Procession of Pioneer Nurses at the I.C.N. Congress in Paris last year.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will surely send greetings to their Canadian colleagues on this great occasion—and it is to be hoped that they may be personally conveyed.

## CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION AWARD A FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman, Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, I.C.N., has received with very great pleasure, the following letter from Miss Jean S. Wilson, R.N., Executive Secretary, Canadian Nurses' Association, notifying the gift of a Nightingale Scholarship for 1934-1935.

### CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

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March 22, 1934.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Nurses' Association, I have the honour to inform you that, in recent meeting, the Executive Committee completed plans for the award of a Scholarship by the Canadian Nurses' Association whereby a student from Canada will be chosen to attend the International Courses 1934-35 at Bedford College.

The privilege to make application for the Scholarship remains open until June 1st and the award will be made on June 15th, following which the Provisional Committee of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation will be advised of the successful candidate.

Funds to meet the Scholarship will be forwarded to the Provisional Committee not later than August 1st, 1934.

The Scholarship award will be announced in *The Canadian Nurse* in April and May and already over sixty representative nurses throughout the Dominion have been advised of the Scholarship by letter from this office.

Similar publicity is being given to the Scholarship which the Nightingale Fellowship has so generously offered to Canada for the year 1934-35.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary,  
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