

they should be hand-picked, for perhaps not one in five girls offering is suitable for nursing. But when handpicked they should, if possible, be sent to Canada for training. Above all, they should be trained to the idea that they are not only to nurse the sick mother, but run the house for her and feed the children and husband till she is about again. They will be glad enough of similar help when their turn comes. They must get right away from the first from the tradition of the nursing profession that the nurse must not touch housework. You can, as this war shows, get girls to do anything, if you make the right appeal and put the claims you make on their spirit for service high enough.

By such a scheme you will remove the greatest impediment which now exists to the freer immigration of women into Canadian country life. It is the prospect of helplessness in sickness or child-birth which more than anything else deters them from coming. If once Canada can make it understood that every woman in the country district can get a qualified nurse to help her through, women will come of themselves from Britain much more readily than they do at present.

I have marked this part of my memorandum as confidential for the reason given above. One of your objects is to get the right sort of girls to come here for your young men to pick their wives from. But you **must** leave that in the background. You cannot mention it in public without alienating all but the class of women that you least want to bring here.

The recommendations in this annexure may be summarized as follows:—

I. That the Provincial Governments recognize the equipment of each agricultural district with a staff of nurses trained to midwifery as an obligation resting on themselves.

II. That the cost be defrayed by fees charged to patients, to be collected by the Provincial Government.

III. That the Dominion Government undertake to pay a capitation grant on each nurse, on condition that she is available for military service in time of war.

IV. That the Dominion Government undertake the recruitment of nurses in England, through an organization of ladies in Canada and Britain, under the presidency of some Lady of the highest position.

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