

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES' REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Report from Mrs. Hamilton, Chief Superintendent of Nurses of Canada, Was Submitted—Embodied Results of Investigations While in the City—Referred to Help Given and Benefit That Resulted from Consultations.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses for St. John, held on Tuesday evening, a report from the Chief Superintendent of Nurses of Canada, Mrs. Hamilton, was submitted to the members by the secretary, Mr. Lagadin. This report which embodied the results of Mrs. Hamilton's investigation while in the city, referred to the help that had been given to her while on this tour by Miss Hall, Inspector of Victorian Order Nurses for the Dominion, in the benefit that had resulted from consultations with the members of the Board of Health, and to the assistance given by Miss Jones, head nurse in St. John, of the order, whose devotion to her work has been a source of comfort to the branch in St. John.

Mrs. Hamilton referred to the increased demand for better health conditions and said that public opinion is demanding that the Victorian Order change its methods to meet conditions as they exist today. The trend of effort is toward co-operation and the employment of the trained worker with the Provincial Department of Health in order that a definite programme for public welfare may speedily materialize. The idea that was put forward by Dr. Roberts, head of the Government rooms on October 30th for the coordination of all the organizations hitherto carrying on the work of public welfare independently and that these exert all their influence toward a co-operation that would conserve energy, time and money, and prevent overlapping, was highly commended by Mrs. Hamilton who characterized the conference held on that date "as one of the most remarkable efforts along the above lines" that she had ever attended. She also stated that if the indicated programme—first, to organize this effort back of the government as a Parliament of Health or a Provincial Committee on Public Welfare, and secondly, to ask the Minister of Health to establish under his department and jurisdiction the Victorian Order Nurses in all towns and communities in the province who desire the services of Public Health Nurses—was carried out, New Brunswick, in her opinion, must soon take a leading part in public health matters in the Dominion.

Mrs. Hamilton in her report also referred to the fact that in St. John the Victorian Order had been established for twenty-one years, and that it was now necessary to extend still further the work of this branch to meet the insistent demands of public opinion. To do this the present system would have to be enlarged to include all the needs of the city, both public and private, and in place of the district nurse, the T. B. nurse, the Child Welfare nurse, "and that strangely mis-named person, the City Hall nurse," there would be a hand of public health nurses so organized and supervised that St. John would have the best means of service in all these branches.

Mrs. Hamilton pointed out that there are 450 odd children attending the Free Kindergartens, for which Dr. Roberts demands medical inspection. Dr. Mabel Hamilton, who has already the inspection of 8,000 public school children, with the assistance of but one nurse, has arranged that this inspection will come through her office, a Victorian Order Nurse making the inspection in each individual district; her report will be accepted by the Health Department, and it will also form part of the Child Welfare work of the nurse in question. A plan of procedure has been worked out by Dr. Hamilton and the order and submitted to Dr. Roberts and the head nurse of the order will be responsible for its extension. A monthly report of this work will be sent to Dr. Hamilton and will be included in her report to the Board of Health. This extra work necessitates extra nurses as the duties of the present staff are already over capacity, leaving no leisure for rest or recreation.

Carlton district as well as St. John require each another nurse. The plan to divide the city into districts with a nurse responsible in each one for every branch of the work was referred to as part of the campaign for better conditions advocated by Dr. Roberts.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED BY B. B. B.

Rheumatism is a constitutional disease, caused by the uric acid in the blood. It manifests itself by pain and lameness attacking the muscles and joints of the body, which often swell and become hot and inflamed.

Anyone who has suffered month after month, and perhaps year after year, with rheumatism, and who has tried remedy after remedy in the hope of relief, and without success, should not give up hope.

Burdock Blood Bitters, by invigorating the digestive organs and eliminating the uric acid from the system, will give prompt and permanent relief.

Mrs. D. Barry, Parbrooke, Ont., writes: "I feel it my duty to let you know of the great benefit my husband derived from using your Burdock Blood Bitters. He had been suffering for the past two years with inflammatory Rheumatism. He tried many medicines, but got no better. A friend advised him to take B. B. B. He did so, and after taking five bottles he felt like a new man, and was able to go to work the same as ever." Burdock Blood Bitters has been on the market for over 40 years. Manufactured only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Roberta. Rothsby, where a nurse has recently been established, would be included in this plan.

A suggestion that the Diet Kitchen should continue was also included in the report. It was stated that Miss Jones, the head nurse at St. John, felt that many "flu" cases had developed into tuberculosis cases on account of a lack of proper nourishment at the critical time of recovery, owing to the closing of the kitchen established last winter. The necessity for suitably prepared milk for babies that are not breast-fed, was also pointed out, and it was suggested that in the event of a Diet Kitchen being established, the head nurse for the Victorian Order would arrange that one of her staff should be in attendance part of each day to prepare such milk—which must be sold at the market price to those needing it. "Canada's greatest asset," says the report "are her native born babies. St. John lost sixty-four babies under one year from inanition during the past year. It was not God's will that they should go. It was our stupidity that we were caring for them."

Mrs. Hamilton announced that arrangements had been made for a monthly meeting of the nurses called by the head nurse at the Board of Health with the health officer and Mrs. Hooper in attendance. The transference of Miss Jones to a Soldiers' Settlement in the West was heard with regret. In this connection the report stated that "we consider Miss Jones one of our most efficient and reliable nurses, and intend to give her a wide experience in the Order."

Miss Muriel will replace Miss Jones, whose appointment goes into effect in two weeks' time, when Miss Hall will again be in St. John to install the new nurse.

An enlarged home was also suggested as new conditions and increased work will bring about greater demands on the part of the nurses requiring additional equipment and a readiness for emergencies. A room for mothers meetings as a sterilizer, the latter already under consideration, were advocated.

The fact that the nurses are enthusiastic over the prospect of greater activity was spoken of and the important item that an increased expenditure of money to meet the increased activities would also be necessary, formed part of the report. "With plenty of publicity, showing the great necessity for this work, I feel sure," writes Mrs. Hamilton, "that the public will respond."

In closing a lengthy and efficient report Mrs. Hamilton referred to the generosity and courtesy of the press of St. John, and also thanked all public officials who spared no pains to help in every way to get information required at first hand. With reference to the local work, the report concludes: "The St. John Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses is to be congratulated on the splendid development from twenty-one years of unceasing labor, to provide trained nursing service for the homes of the people regardless of race, creed, caste or color—a fitting memorial to that great Queen who wrought for her people lasting good."

The report was received and discussed at length. Much regret was expressed at the impending loss of Miss Jones, especially at the beginning of the larger activities for which she has laid much good ground work.

GRAND UNION OF S.S. ASSOCIATIONS

The Associations of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. I. Vote to Function as One.

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 5.—At today's session of the Sunday School Convention the Union of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and P. E. I. Association was consummated. For a couple of years the union talk has been in the air, and after considerable discussion the report of the Union Committee was put and unanimously adopted by a standing vote. Spontaneously the delegates joined in singing the Doxology, and then Marion Lawrence invoked the Divine Blessing upon the newly formed Maritime Sunday School Association. In a happy view, Mr. L. W. Simms, of St. John, likened the occasion to a wedding, and as there had to be a ring for a real wedding, so he would present to the happy couple the ring, or token, in the form of all the money, office equipment and material possessions on hand. Another gift presented was the library of the N. S. alumni. The consummation of this union is probably the biggest event of the convention, and inasmuch as each denomination Sunday School Board will be fully represented, it is regarded as the end of the old-time friction between the International Association and the endeavors which were strictly denominational. The executive is vested with power to alter or amend motions passed by the Association, but, although this looks undemocratic, it was regarded as expedient for purposes of efficiency.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

Joseph McConnell, who was stricken with paralysis while at work on a building in Weight street, Monday afternoon, and Harry Howard, who fell thirty-one feet while at work weighing grain in the C. P. R. elevator, West St. John, on Monday, were both reported in a serious condition at the General Public Hospital this morning.

OUCH! ANOTHER RHEUMATIC TWINGE

Get busy and relieve those pains with that handy bottle of Sloan's Liniment.

What Sloan's does, it does thoroughly—penetrates without rubbing to the afflicted part and promptly relieves all manner of external pains and aches. You'll find it clean and non-staining. Keep it handy for sciatica, lumbago, neuralgia, over-exerted muscles, stiff joints, pains, bruises, strains, sprains, had weather after-effects.

For 38 years Sloan's Liniment has helped thousands the world over. You won't be an exception. It is unequalled in producing results. All druggists—35c, 70c, \$1.40. Made in Canada.

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ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN.

Italy has 600,000 women textile workers.

Nearly all the auto bus conductors in Manila are women.

Women property owners in Italy now number in excess of 1,000,000.

Cincinnati brass foundries still maintain female help in their shops.

Mrs. Ad Toperwein is the lone professional trapeze artist in this country.

Only two maids accompany Queen Elizabeth of Belgium on her American tour.

Women are now admitted to membership in the Hamburg Stock Exchange.

Great Britain now lays claim to more than 4,000,000 women trade unionists.

Lady Bathurst is the only woman in England who owns and manages a newspaper.

Only 30 per cent. of the eligible women voters in New York City have registered.

CRANBERRIES.

Cranberries will have a better flavor if you cook a small quantity of apple with them, says a cookery expert.

Use half an apple with a quart of cranberries. Pare the apple and cut it in small bits. If you cook cranberries in a double boiler without adding water to them both the color and flavor will be much better than if cooked in the usual way.

DAUGHTERS OF ISRAEL TO FURNISH ROOM

At Meeting on Tuesday Sum of Money Voted for Jewish Relief—Plan to Furnish Room in Provincial Memorial Home.

The regular meeting of the Daughters of Israel was held on Tuesday evening at the Hazen Avenue Synagogue; Mrs. J. Goldman presiding. The sum of \$25.00 was voted to the Jewish Relief Fund. Mrs. M. Goldman made an appeal on behalf of the Provincial Memorial Home and it was decided to furnish a room in this home on Wright street. The following committee was appointed: Mrs. L. Isaac, Mrs. M. Marcus, Mrs. M. Goldman, Mrs. N. Jacobson.

CELEBRATED THEIR 28TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of Clan Mackenzie and Friends Spent Enjoyable Evening in Their Rooms—Programme Carried Through Including Dancing.

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CAUSED DAMAGE.

The heavy wind yesterday caused considerable damage. A number of signs were blown down, and a plate glass window in a West End store is reported to have been broken. The telegraph companies experienced great difficulty, as many lines were put out of commission and a large amount of press matter, as well as business and private messages, were delayed.

COME ON ST. JOHN!

Let's Button Up Our Coats and Finish the Job

Have you watched that "Thin Red Line" creeping up on the Victory Loan thermometer at the head of King street?

You're rather proud of its speed, aren't you? And you're sure it will reach the top, too, aren't you? Of course it will! But—

Every citizen of St. John must help it climb—not only to the top but "Over the Top" for a few honor crests.

The campaign is now half over—at this stage in the last Loan St. John had reached \$2,913,200 or 58 per cent. of its objective. This year St. John has raised \$1,243,950 or 31 per cent. of its objective.

Pretty good work, isn't it? But just remember that every place in Canada is watching the success of every other place—that means that

All Canada Is Watching St. John

Let's give them something to watch—

Let's make a record that we'll be proud of—

Let's—Buy Victory Bonds—and more Victory Bonds, and show the rest of Canada the stuff we're made of.

This space contributed to the 1919 Victory Loan Campaign by the City of St. John.

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