

THE ROYAL CHARTER

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, etc.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas divers of our loving subjects of the Dominion of Canada are desirous of founding a Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, as a memorial of our Diamond Jubilee, and have subscribed certain sums of money, and have taken other steps for the purpose of founding the Order. And whereas it is expedient that a Governing Body, which shall have the management and control of the Order and of its affairs, should be constituted and incorporated.

Now, know ye that We by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative and of Our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, do by these presents for Us, Our heirs and successors grant, will and ordain as follows, that is to say:—

1. The Board of Governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, constituted as hereinafter provided, shall be a body corporate and politic, and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure; may hold real and personal estate and receive grants and devises of the same, provided that the annual value of the real estate so held, granted or devised shall not exceed in the whole £5,000 per annum; may appoint general officers, including District Lady Superintendents, define their duties and fix the amount of their compensation; may grant diplomas to nurses; and may prescribe the terms and conditions on which such diplomas may be granted and held; may establish Local Associations and may from time to time make rules, regulations and by-laws for the governments of the Order, and the management of its affairs.

2. His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada, shall be Patron of the Order.

3. The Board of Governors shall be constituted as follows, that is to say:—

(a) His Excellency the Governor-General as Patron of the Order, shall appoint five members of the Board.

(b) The Board of Management of each Local Association having an annual income of at least five hundred dollars shall appoint