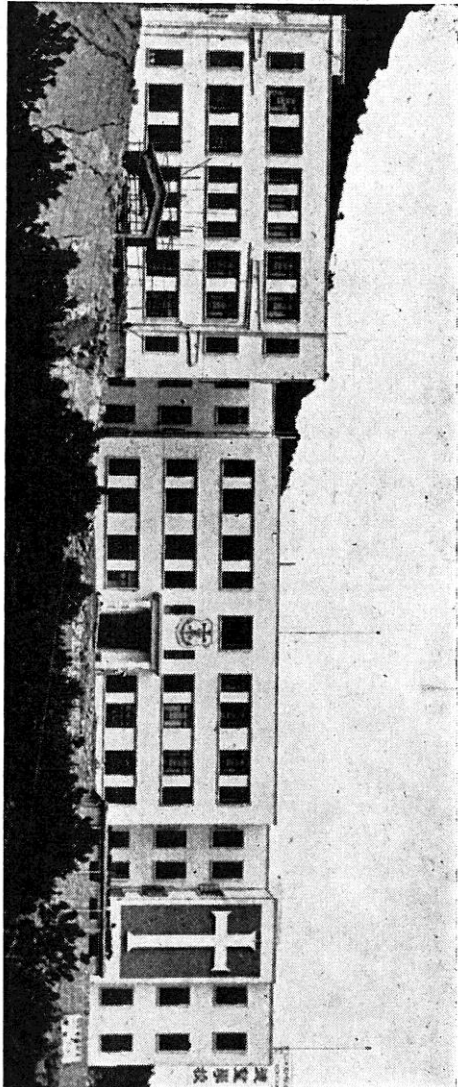


CANADIAN SISTERS OPEN NEW GOOD HOPE SCHOOL

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'The Mount' Inaugurated

Contractors are completing work on the new Good Hope School. Making their way through piles of building materials and over half finished road approaches nearly four hundred pupils trooped up the hill past Kowloon Dairy to inaugurate the new school which already is known as "The Mount".

Enjoying a view commanding Kai Tak air field and Kowloon Bay, the new school is situated at the junction of Clear Water Bay road and 1st Incline. For a background it has the superb Kowloon Peak.

Ten Sisters are stationed at the new institution which at present is a boys and girls primary with English the forenoon session and Chinese in the p.m. classes. Private lessons in piano are given. Plans for the near future call for a secondary school and a boarding school for girls. Remaining to be built are the auditorium, gym and science halls. Large playgrounds are finished.

Eventually the Sisters plan to maculate Conception, whose a novitiate which will accept Mother House is at 2,900 St. postulant for their community, Catherine Road, Montreal. Missionary Sisters of the Im- Before their expulsion from

China, the Sisters for the past 45 years had missions in Manchuria, Tsung Ming, near Shanghai and Soochow.

In Canton they had four houses where besides their schools, they conducted two orphanages and the famous leprosanium at Shaklung. One of their Sisters who spent thirty-three years with "her dear lepers" is now retired in Canada. Other Sisters were there almost as long through raids, robberies,

kidnappings, and the Japanese War, until expelled by the Communist "liberators."

These are the same Sisters who were imprisoned in Canton for "killing babies". All their properties were confiscated. One orphanage was a gift of the late Mr. Au Boon Haw who was a frequent visitor there with his wife. Later the Sisters were subjected to a mock trial attended by thousands in Canton's Sun Yat Sen memorial park, then

ignominiously paraded through the streets in trucks. Superior was struck on forehead with a thrown stone. She was handcuffed at the wrists and the blood flowed down her face. When the Reds tried to win the orphans from the Sisters the children threw the dolls candy back at the feet of the soldiers and cried "Give us back our Sisters". The Sisters were sentenced to "expulsion from China for life."

To-day besides the new Mother Good Hope School the Sisters conduct Tak Sun School with 120 pupils and are building in addition which at the next session will have 21 classes with 120 pupils. Here the children get private lessons in penmanship, shorthand and typing as well as special lessons in English and French.

The Good Hope annex Primary I, II, III, IV plus the classes of kindergarten at Waterloo Road. Here 490 children are registered for sessions, Chinese in the am and English in the afternoon.

At 579 Nathan Road, 1st floor, the Sisters have a Catechuminate. On September thirty people instructed there were baptised.

Four times per week a Sister operates a free dispensary Cheung Sha Wan. Here she treats 3,200 patients per week.

Girls desirous of testing their vocation in this strictly missionary order may consult Mother Superior at Tak Sun School or at "The Mount".