

## ORIGIN OF THE IDEA.

The Order was inaugurated early in 1897, as the National Memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Canada, at the suggestion of the National Council of Women of Canada.

## THE SCHEME ACCEPTED AS NATIONAL.

After some consultation with some of the leading medical men on the need of such an Order, a public meeting was held in Ottawa, on Wednesday, February 10th, under the Presidency of His Excellency the Governor-General. The following resolution was moved by the Honourable Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister, of Canada, and carried unanimously :

"That this meeting heartily approves of the general character of the scheme described as the Victorian Order of Home Helpers, as a mode of commemoration by the Dominion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and that a fund be opened for the carrying out thereof."

Inaugural meetings of an influential character were also held at Montreal and Toronto, and were addressed by leading citizens, such as Lord Strathcona, Senator and Mrs. Drummond, Senator Cox, the Mayors of both cities, Archbishop Walsh, Bishop Sullivan, Rev. Dr. Barclay, Mr. Hague, Rev. Edgar Hill, Rev. Dr. Potts, Hon. A. Hardy, Mr. Whitney, Dr. Roddick, Dr. Craik, Sir William Hingston, Dr. Thorburn, Mr. Gurney, Professor Robertson and others, and very representative committees were formed at these and other cities for the promotion of the scheme.