

The grounds on which the chief objections were based were two-fold. Rumours had gone abroad that the Victorian Nurses were only to be partially trained, and secondly, that they were to act independently of doctors in country districts, and were thus likely to be employed in the place of medical men because of their lower fees, and thus the health of the whole community would suffer.

It is scarcely necessary to say that both these rumours were wholly without foundation, and subsequently when this was found to be the case the Order had no warmer friends than the leading medical men of the Dominion everywhere.

Unfortunately, however, these misunderstandings created a great prejudice and suspicion of the scheme at a very critical stage in the collection of the Fund, and combined with the fact that the claims of local memorials of the Diamond Jubilee were everywhere being pressed with success on the inhabitants of each district, made the task of the Committee of the proposed National Memorial very uphill work.

WHAT WAS TO BE THE NEXT MOVE?

The autumn of 1897 found us with some \$30,000 collected, a part of which was to be given in instalments, and the bulk of which having been raised by local committees was to be used locally. We were also in the possession of a number of facts which made us realize more fully than before the great need for such an Order of Nurses in Canada as was proposed, and