

are employed in various base metal mines, coal mines and steel plants. The Steel Company of Canada is believed to be the first steel plant to employ women. The Algoma Steel Corporation at Sault Ste. Marie employs women as inspectors, checkers, recorders and laborers.

Inaugurated in July, 1940, the War Emergency Training program of the federal Department of Labor had enrolled 35,018 women by the end of June, 1943, and more than 25,080 had completed training.

During June, 1,386 persons enrolled for full-time training in 117 industrial training centres; 538 of these (38%) were women.

Women in training at June 30, 1943: 670 in full-time and 137 in part-time industrial training centre classes; 748 in full-time and 69 in part-time plant school classes.

Industry commenced giving training under the government program April 1, 1942. By June 30, 97 plant schools had been approved.

Trades for which the program trains women include aircraft metal work and woodworking, aircraft overhaul, acetylene welding, bench work and fitting, electric welding, instrument making, industrial chemistry, mechanical drafting, inspection, power machine operation and radio assembly.

Women gradually are being given increased responsibility in supervising within plants, and hundreds have taken training under the supervision division of the war emergency training program.

Day care of children of war-working mothers has been a problem where industry is centred, particularly in the east. Although the Dominion government has not been urging married women with children to seek employment in industry thousands of mothers have become war workers and have found it difficult to place their children under adequate and skilled supervision.

Taking the initial step in providing for care of such children, the Dominion government obtained authority through an order-in-council passed July 20, 1942, to establish child-care facilities for war-working mothers in any province requesting such aid on a Dominion-provincial equal-cost basis.

Under the agreement, provincial ministers of public welfare