

of airmen from Canada will increase steadily in volume as the months go on, and Canadian naval assistance will steadily increase.

Many Canadians in Britain have been active in other ways. Canadian-born Lord Beaverbrook has been assisted in speeding aircraft production by three prominent Canadians, one of whom is Rt. Hon. R.B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada. Other Canadians are serving in Canadian hospitals in England, in British medical centres, in canteens and in a variety of occupations.

Since the outbreak of war Canada has sent supplies in increasing quantities to Britain. Canadian exports to Great Britain in 1940 were nearly 50% greater than in 1939, and during the next twelve months it is expected that Canada will export goods to Britain to the value of about \$1,500,000,000. Supplies sent to Britain to date include large quantities of foodstuffs, raw materials such as base metals and timber, and war equipment such as shells, gun barrels, universal carriers, machine guns, explosives and chemicals, airplanes, corvettes, mine-sweepers, and mechanized transport.

Canada has also provided Great Britain with financial assistance to enable her to purchase the full amount of the war supplies which she needs from Canada. Up to March 31 of this year, Britain's deficit in her balance of payments with Canada was about \$795,000,000. Of this amount only 31.4% was met by the transfer of gold to Canada. By repatriating Canadian securities held in Britain and by accumulating Sterling balances in London, Canada financed the remainder. Britain's deficit with Canada during the present fiscal year is expected to be about \$1,150,000,000 and Canada assured Britain that she will meet such proportion of that deficit as Britain will not be able to meet by the transfer of gold or United States dollars to Canada. The amount of money which Canada will have to provide for this purpose in the present fiscal year is estimated to be between \$800,000,000 and \$900,000,000.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICES

Canadians have responded enthusiastically to the many calls for voluntary contributions of money and of services which have been issued since the outbreak of war. Over 1,700 organizations are recognized by the War Charities Administrator. Contributions to these funds total many millions of dollars. The recent Canadian War Services Fund drive has so far passed its \$5,500,000 objective by over \$700,000. In addition to the Red Cross with its various beneficent activities and the Canadian War Services Fund, the member charities of which are devoted to the welfare of the armed forces, many different types of charitable organization are being helped by Canadians to play their part in the war. There are funds to assist the victims of enemy bombing, to aid refugees, evacuees, and especially deserving groups such as British fire fighters. There are funds to purchase war planes, ambulances and mobile kitchens.