

BOY SCOUTS

At the last annual Scout census, compiled October 31, 1942, the total number of Scouts in the Canadian Association was 85,729. This represented a very considerable decrease in membership under the previous census, attributable to the enlistment of many Scouters, Rovers and older Scouts in the armed forces.

Outstanding among Scout war work activities have been the collection of salvage and the contribution to various funds of the proceeds of its sale, and special training for A.R.P. duties in communities throughout Canada. In some communities the Scouts initiated the collection of salvage, in others they assumed full responsibility for the drive at the request of municipal authorities, and in larger centres they have co-operated with local salvage committees. One salvage collection effort, in particular, was attended by outstanding results. A Toronto Scout troop collected salvage which realized proceeds of \$1,800. with which the group purchased a fully-equipped ambulance for the R.C.A.F.

Scouts have made special collections of medicine bottles for military hospitals and of magazines and books to provide reading matter for the armed forces. Many Scouts in Canada planned and carried out Victory Garden projects in 1943 and others are "spotters" in the civilian Aircraft Detection Corps.

In Toronto, district Scout leaders instructed about 50 women members of the Red Cross Food Administration Corps in outdoor cooking. The Halifax Boy Scouts Association in December, 1942, opened the Tweedsmuir Room, a recreational centre for former Scouts and Scouters now in the armed services, as well as providing its camp facilities for the use of naval personnel.

Canadian Scouts have contributed \$38,734.42 to the Baden-Powell Chins-Up Fund, raising the money through the sale of salvage and in numerous other ways. Originally designed for relief of British Scout war victims, the Fund's purpose has been enlarged to include assistance for Scouts in occupied Europe as soon as the German invaders are ousted from these areas. An outstanding Canadian contribution to the rehabilitation of Scouting in Europe will be the printing and distribution, in five languages other than English, of Lord Baden-Powell's book, "Scouting for Boys". It will be printed in Flemish, Polish, Norwegian, Netherlands, and Czechoslovakian.

During the war Scout and Cub Mothers' auxiliaries, Group ladies' auxiliaries and other associated organizations have knitted and sent forward to Britain covers and quilts for use as shelter blankets.

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This Federation is composed of 41 clubs established at various centres across the Dominion. Members are women who are fully engaged in some business or professional pursuit but who devote much of their spare time and energy to war service.

The Federation was one of the first organizations to donate an ambulance to the Red Cross. Within each club, Red Cross groups are constantly engaged in war work. Blood donors and workers on War Finance Committees are numerous in the clubs, and the members have played a further important role in supplying good, used clothing for the use of bombed-out British victims.

In one respect, the Federation has made a unique contribution to the people of Britain. Army units were forced to abandon their musical instruments on the beaches at Dunkirk, and were unable to obtain replacements. In response to an appeal by the President of the British Federation of Business and Professional Women, the Canadian Federation shipped many instruments overseas. Hundreds of harmonicas were included in the donation. The Federation has representatives on four of the five Regional Boards of the Employment Commission, as well as appointees on Local Boards. As members of the Boards, the representatives act in an advisory capacity to the employment offices across Canada. The members have been splendid purchasers of war savings certificates and stamps and Victory Bonds, and have generally contributed in large measure to the national war activity.