

demand has continued because of the great loss and waste of clothing in the war.

2. Two-thirds of the world's output of wool belongs to the nations at war, leaving out United States, which produces one-tenth of the world's total clip. Now that the United States is in the war, and her supply is not equal to the need, we may expect a ready market there. Even should the present regulations of the American War Trade Board empowering the government to take over all imported wools at a price 5% below the price on July 30, 1917, we may still expect a good price. Not only this, but we may find it much more difficult to obtain, for importation, the same quantity of wool from United States that we have been able to get in the past, and if Canada has to supply her home demand by home production, she will have to keep not

two million sheep as at present, but ten million instead.

3. With the government of the belligerent nations taking over the wool clip of their countries and Canada's wool remaining on the open market for competitive buying as in the past, there is little likelihood of any fall in prices.

4. Although the production of wool in South America, especially in the Argentine and Uruguay, is considerable, the shortage of shipping gives us a distinct advantage in supplying the American market.

5. By the formation of the Canadian Co-Operative Wool-Growers Ltd., and the grading of wool as done by the Department of Agriculture, we may expect strength in the sheep breeding industry and a great increase in the number of the sheep in the Dominion during the next few years.

The V. A. D.! Who is She?

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SOMEbody said to me only the other day "What does V. A. D. mean"; and, having been one myself for many months, I promptly replied: "Very Arduous Duties." My questioner being a civilian, and therefore knowing nothing about it, was none the wiser. But, if perchance there is another one as ignorant, may I explain that the letters V. A. D. really stand for Voluntary Aid Detachment. The British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem have been amalgamated, for the duration of the war, under one head and are known as the Joint Committee, with headquarters in Devonshire House, London.

Each county has a certain number of detachments, the members of which

are doing splendid work, both at home and abroad; in France, in Egypt, in Serbia and even in Russia.

And, what pay do they receive, you ask? Nothing in a monetary sense; but surely the grateful thanks of the boys over there, and the satisfaction of feeling that one is helping them is surely enough remuneration for any girl in these eventful days.

If desirous of going abroad, (and it is of France that I speak) one must apply through Devonshire House. If accepted by the Standing Selection Board, you must sign a six months' contract, of many and varied clauses, and be willing to go anywhere and do anything they request of you. Two of the most important items which must