

establishment and may volunteer for three types of service - service anywhere, in Canada or in their own localities. The age limit has been extended to include volunteers from 18 to 45 years of age.

There has been an increase of the personal allowance from \$10 to \$20 a month, and in laundry allowance from \$5 to \$10 a month. V.A.D.'s living out of hospital will receive a subsistence allowance in lieu of bed and lodgings as officers at \$1.75 a day each, which amounts to approximately \$51 a month.

To meet a mounting need for more V.A.D.'s in Canadian military hospitals, an order-in-council was passed in May designed to aid in training more volunteers.

Under the order the complete resources of the Canadian Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Association for training in home nursing and first aid in Canada are to be governed, controlled and administered by a joint board of management to consist of seven members. The chairman is to be appointed by the minister of national war services. Classes are to be conducted in the name of the two organizations, and joint certificates are to be issued to candidates.

During the six months prior to May 31, 1943, approximately 100,000 women became engaged either directly or indirectly in war industry and thus brought the total to 255,000.

Women are supervising and directing munitions work as well as working on production lines.

Shipbuilding on both the east and west coasts is one of the latest industries to use womanpower. At a Pictou, Nova Scotia, yard about one third of the staff of more than 1,000 is women. They are rivet passers and checkers, ship painters and crane operators and do everything from acetylene welding, draughting and electrical work to pipe fitting.

Inspection of munitions materials and of the finished products is the responsibility of the inspection board of the United Kingdom and Canada which employs 10,700 women examiners in Canada and 40 in the United States. The latter are inspecting gauges in the interests of Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Of the 10,700, 463 are classified as skilled, 1,159 as semi-skilled,