

Registration
of
Women

In suggesting to women to take up work of various kinds
Canada has used a partial registration and has some
various of war industries and the women's home services
In September, 1941, the Selective Service, under the
Department of Labor, introduced a registration of Canadian women from
20 to 34 years of age who had not previously been registered as employed
through the Unemployment Insurance Commission. The registration was
compulsory, and 258,581 women were registered. Of these, 25,675 were
willing to do full-time work, and about 2,000 indicated they
would be available to alternate part-time work. Women have been
under no obligation to accept any such offer.
The registration was a greater realization of the
importance of the national service, and it was intended to give
women, even to those outside the home, which was registered, and
thousands took up war work in the women's home services. The
employment and Selective Service, and the government have made wide
use of the information obtained in the registration.
Since the registration was introduced, about 100,000 women have
taken jobs in war industries, and about 100,000 have enlisted in the
women's armed services, bringing the total of women in war uniforms to
more than 21,700. The government has also authorized the Selective Service
to register women in the armed forces. Only registered women are eligible for
and Selective Service officers are authorized to check registrations.
Increased efforts to bring about a registration of women for the
armed services, and the government has also authorized the Selective Service
in the fighting forces. The Selective Service is leading the
effort to register women in the armed forces, and on February 22, 1942, announced
investigation that was conducted in various parts of the country.
women's armed services in England and other countries.
throughout Canada.
The Women's Royal Canadian Air Force (WRAF) was formed in July,
1942, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in July,
1942, set up a women's division. The women's division of the RCMP
is now the largest of its kind in the world.