

August, 1942. Montreal and Toronto have provided training classes for volunteers for day nurseries. Several W.V.S. centres have set up day nursery committees representative of various interested local organizations to assist in obtaining volunteers to staff the nursery projects and secure toys and equipment.

Many men have taken an interest in the work of W.V.S. centres, at several projects, and some centres have men on their Advisory Boards. Others have registered and placed men for voluntary service. Public relations committees are organized by the centres to arrange use of the interpretative facilities of local business, the press and radio. These committees often have a Speakers' Bureau prepared to send a speaker to any organization or group which might assist voluntary work in the community.

The National Film Board has a library of films available for showing to groups, and the W.V.S. centres are assisting the Film Board in distributing these, and by training women as volunteer projectionists to show the films.

From the beginning of the war until September 31, 1942, the Canadian Young Men's Christian Association registered 95,815,046 attendances at "Y" activities, facilities and services. Besides carrying on its war services at 635 separate locations on the Canadian side of the Atlantic, the Canadian Y.M.C.A. has an overseas headquarters in London, guiding the work of Y.M.C.A. supervisors in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, India and Ceylon. There are approximately 1,040 full-time persons on the staff in Canada and overseas.

In its war services, the Y.M.C.A. has had the voluntary assistance of more than 6,700 women in Canada, Newfoundland and Great Britain - 4,900 in Canada, 150 in Newfoundland, and 1,769 in Great Britain at the end of 1942. Their services include providing a major portion of canteen assistance, arranging entertainment and planning hospitality, and providing personal services to men of the armed services and the merchant navy.

The Y.M.C.A. war services program covers five phases: physical, social and recreational, educational, religious activities, and personal services.

Fields of Y.M.C.A. war service operations embrace:

- I. Alaska:- On an island about 100 miles north of Prince Rupert, B.C., Y.M.C.A. provides one of the best service centres for Canadian air squadrons and Americans in the area.
- II. Canada:-
 - (1) 52 permanent Y.M.C.A. buildings are available to men in uniform for recreation, education, personal counsel, religious meetings, etc.
 - (2) 30 hostels, Red Triangle clubs, and leave centres across Canada.
 - (3) At 302 forts and outposts there are 294 centres serving army personnel, eight serving naval personnel.
 - (4) At 44 army camps and barracks in both basic and advanced training centres, there are "Y" huts or recreation rooms.
 - (5) 11 navy, army, and air force hospitals outside camps and air stations are visited by "Y" supervisors and given other services.
 - (6) Centres at 27 naval establishments, 20 ashore and seven afloat. At Esquimalt the "Y" operates a former hotel for naval ratings. "Y" work with the Navy is being increased gradually as new theatres of war open. "Y" supervisors are also on trans-Atlantic convoy service.
 - (7) Centres at 169 air stations, sub-stations, and detachments for the R.C.A.F. and the R.A.F. "Y" work with the air forces on the Canadian side of the Atlantic is larger in volume than with either the army or the navy.