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CANADIAN WOMEN IN THE WAR

1,282,000	Women over 16 years of age in Canada.....
1,282,000	Women in industry (at Jan. 30, 1943).....
252,000	Engaged directly or indirectly in war industry at Jan. 30, 1943.....
352,000	Engaged in other industries (Jan. 30, 1943).....
309,000	Women students (at Jan. 30, 1943).....
1,659,000	Other women, including non-ten housewives (at Jan. 30, 1943).....
300,000	Considered unemployable.....
21,367	More than
3,484	W.A.C.
12,500	O.V.A.C.
12,500	R.C.A.F. (W.D.)
2,472	Naval services
38	Female doctors in the armed services.....

Women have played an important part in making Canada the fourth largest producer of war supplies among the United Nations.

By June 1, it was estimated there were 252,000 women engaged directly or indirectly in Canadian war industry. This is more than double the 120,000 engaged directly or indirectly in war industry in June, 1942.

Canada has been dependent on women to a large extent to bring the new and immense war industrial machinery to peak output during 1943. The British minister of labor has estimated 80% of the jobs in industry can be filled by women, and although Canada does not anticipate reaching this proportion in industry as a whole, the percentage of women employed in some new war plants is steadily

increasing this year. Many thousands of women also are engaged in other essential duties, such as teaching, nursing, and clerical, stenographical and professional tasks.

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