

Although the women's voluntary service committees and the consumer branch of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board are endeavouring to meet the general housing need by co-ordinating rooms registry services, the Y.W.C.A. still plays an important part in the scheme. The mechanical side of Y.W.C.A. housing work has been reduced, and it now concentrates on training volunteers for inspection of lodgings and placing of tenants. The duties of the new rooms registry service do not affect the work done by the hostess houses and Y.W.C.A. rooms registry secretaries in finding rooms for service men and women and their dependents.

More than 19,000 service men and women and their dependants were placed in lodgings during the first three months of 1943 by Y.W.C.A. rooms registries throughout Canada, the figure representing an increase of 10,000 over the corresponding period in 1942.

For two years the Y.W.C.A. has taken part in the Ontario farm service force plan by operating and supervising farm service force camps for girls from 16 to 18 years. In 1942 these camps provided for 2,159 girls. The British Columbia government commenced in May organizing a farm service force patterned on the Ontario project and turned to the national Y.W.C.A. for assistance in operating and supervising the camps.

Under the Ontario government's plan, 54,300 persons were recruited in 1942 as farm workers, compared with about 40,000 in 1941. The plan for 1943 envisages use of 100,000 persons.

Arrangements have been made to use from 25,000 to 30,000 high school students from April 15 to October 15. Students who do well at their studies are granted leave of absence.

The Y.W.C.A. is prepared to extend increased services to "farmerettes" this year, providing accommodation, nutritious meals and recreation facilities, including a travelling library.

Canadian women are feeling the impact of war on their daily lives. They are finding it more difficult to obtain a wide selection in foods and other commodities. They are being urged to conserve household utensils and clothing, some of which are difficult, if not impossible, to replace. They are being rationed on sugar, butter, tea, coffee and

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