



MOBILE CANTEN PRESENTATION

On August 6 two mobile canteens were presented to the Department of Civil Defence for Canada. The canteen on the left, the gift of the F.W.I.O., has been sent to Nova Scotia. In the centre of the photograph you see Mrs. Clarence Holmes, President of the F.W.I.O., presenting the key to the canteen to Mr. Donald Murie, representative of the Department of Civil Defence. The canteen on the right, presented by Middlesex County Senior and Junior Insti-

tutes and Junior Farmers' Association, was presented by Miss Jean McLachlan, third from the right. This canteen was sent to New Brunswick.

The Rev. R. S. Tippett, right, dedicated the canteens. Mr. Murie, in accepting these gifts, expressed the thanks of his Department for the canteens which would be used "for the service of humanity", and spoke of the appreciation of the late Dr. R. J. Manion for this work of the Institutes and Junior Farmers.

### JAM GOES TO BRITAIN

"Jam for Britain" is under way in the Red Cross Warehouse in Toronto. For some weeks now cases of jam, both factory and home-made, as well as honey have been rolling in by train and truck and car from the various branches of the Red Cross and Women's Institutes all over Ontario.

Today Women's Institute records report 1,257 cases (60,336 lbs.) of factory made jam, 786 cases (37,728 lbs.) of home-made jam and 44 cases (2,112 lbs.) of honey. The W. I. Sugar Fund receipts to date amount to \$3,030.75. Jam made in factories in the Hamilton district which has been sent direct to England accounts for most of the factory jam. While this record is not complete it is a preliminary indication of the time, work and money which have been expended on this effort by both organizations.

Mrs. Douglas Munro, W. I. Branch, Department of Agriculture, who has been the staff organizer for the jam enterprise this year, tells of a day in the Red Cross warehouse, where jam and honey are arriving daily for Britain, and of her visit to Middlesex County when the home-made jam season was at its height. She is only sorry that she could not make similar visits to other jam-making centres.

#### Jam by the Ton

"Two tons of Red Cross cases were carried through the wide-open doors of the warehouse this morning by a tired truck driver and all of us have been busy ever since, testing jam, wiring up cases and making records of the jam to send back to the makers. This is the last process in the jam's long journey from Ontario orchards and kitchens to English hospitals and schools. A remarkable amount of jam has passed through the warehouse this year despite the scarcity and expense of fruit, an amount in which the W. I. may well take pride. Today I have packed cases of honey from Institutes at Palmerston and Seaforth and the Junior Branch at Tillsonburg, peach jam from Roseland, plum from Lakeview and fragrant strawberry jam from Beeton.

The last case was one of wild raspberry jam from Hyde Park, and in this one I take particular interest since I helped to make it. I started off one morning in July in an elderly Buick with weak tires. My first stop was at Byron where the heavy summer smell of raspberries rolled out of the church basement. Twelve members of the branch were at work that summer morning and Mrs. Day, the President, showed me a number of letters which they had received from England thanking them for last sum-

mer's jam. And they told me an interesting tale of Mr. Porter's visit to England. Mr. Porter, the Editor of the Farmer's Advocate, went to England to study farm conditions in wartime. At one institution he saw a Red Cross jam tin and when he turned it round he saw "Made by the Byron W. I." on the back. Everyone was pleased with the tale and we all told each other that it was a small world.

The Byron W. I., by the way, boil the scrapings left in the jam pots at the day's end and serve it with lemon or grapefruit juice at the next meeting. They call it "by gosh and by golly".

I drove over to Hyde Park just in time to meet Mrs. Keays and Miss Norma MacKenzie returning laden from a wild-raspberry hunt. I was dressed for hunting too and only regret that no films were obtainable since our hats and shoes were of a strictly individual fashion. That afternoon we made eight tins of raspberry jam which we thought quite good. Miss MacKenzie is the leading jam-maker of Hyde Park and her integrity is such that the Red Cross sugar is stored in her kitchen all summer, a spontaneous tribute to character in these days of sugar rationing. Hyde Park has had a number of thank-you letters from England, a particularly interesting one coming from a patient in an R.C.A.F. hospital there.

Miss Patrick of the Delaware-Lambeth branch was working in her garden and directed me to Mrs. Lenfesty and the jam headquarters in Delaware. I planned to revisit it the following day for the red current jelly session and started for Melbourne. Half way between the two towns I was overtaken by a thunderstorm and a blowout simultaneously. After which I got in touch with Mrs. Brandon which explains how I knew about Melbourne's honey contribution in advance.

We at the warehouse, staff members, volunteers, truck drivers and handy man are proud to be associated with the combined Red Cross-Women's Institute Jam for Britain Project."

### FOR THE CHILDREN

A small gift box was recently sent to Miss Eleanor Hamilton for the children of the Garrison Lane School (See Home and Country, Spring 1943). Articles included were 2 wool cardigans with berets to match, 3 two-piece jersey suits for boys, sizes 2, 4 and 6, 2 pairs shoes and 3 small children's books.

### SEEDS FOR ENGLISH GARDENS

Again the Central Fund Committee, F.W.I.O. is planning to send vegetable seeds to Britain. Arrangements are being made with the seed firms to supply the same quantities and varieties as last year. These are valued at about \$3,000 and will be shipped in December or January for early planting.

Letter after letter tell us that our Canadian seeds are growing everywhere in England. They are enjoyed in English homes, exhibited at vegetable shows and fairs, canned for winter, sold to raise money for war work or saved for seed. Just a few excerpts from letters will interest you.

The secretary of Sleepy Hague W.I. says: "I am writing, on behalf of the Sleepy Hague W. I. to say 'thank you' for the seeds which we received from Canada. You will be glad to know that the onion seeds were sown and the plants sold at the W. I. meeting and —3/— was made for the Red Cross. Tomato plants were sold too, another £1—1—0 being raised, a total of £1—4—0 for the Red Cross from the Canadian seeds you so kindly sent us."

The spirit of fellowship which these seeds have engendered is ex-

pressed by Miss Sally Jones, Secretary of the Kidwelly W. I., South Wales, "As you hold this letter, I feel that across space and expanse I shall be clasping your hand in friendship, loyal and true, members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Will you clasp it tightly on behalf of our little branch of the Women's Institute and the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

I would like to thank you so much on behalf of our W. I.'s for the garden seeds you so kindly sent and I hope that they will grow and flourish on Welsh soil,—and that also there will grow and flourish a firm, true friendship between us here in this small village and you in the great, vast country of Canada".

Other letters tell us of the growth of the seeds, saying, "Yesterday I gathered the first dish of beans and we had them today and they were simply delicious. I shall keep some for seed so that I can grow them another year"; or "I have had some of the lettuce in my own garden. It has produced lovely crisp hearts."

It is your generous voluntary contributions which make such gifts possible.



NEW BRUNSWICK PRESENTATION.

The above picture showing the presentation of the Middlesex County mobile canteen in the Province of New Brunswick was sent to us by Mrs. W. H. Prescott, Baie Verte, President K.C. (at right) by Mrs. W. H. Prescott (left front). The canteen was presented to Premier McNair, in the ceremony are left, Mr. H. Lester Smith, Chairman, Fredericton Branch, Disaster Relief Committee of the Red Cross; and centre, Mr. D. L. MacLaren, Saint John, Director of N. B. Civilian Defence, who presided. Hot coffee and doughnuts were served by the nutrition section of the Canadian Red Cross Corps of Fredericton.