

contributed to Britain since the war began.
We, in the city may think we've done a lot but the rural
women of Ontario have ~~contributed~~ done more than their
share through the Women's Institutes.

Just to give you an idea. Miss Christmas mentioned
among other things, the garden seeds that Ontario W.I.'s have
sent overseas. They sent large sums of money for members
of Women's Institutes in Britain who have been bombed out of
their homes, plus the most wonderful home preserving receipts
they sent abroad which were used on the other side
for what they called jam making schemes. Now I
don't know if you've ever heard about those jam making
schemes, but they're quite something. You see, in areas
that have been evacuated in Britain, quite naturally a
lot of fruit was going to waste because there was no one
around to pick it. On the other hand, in places where there
were plenty of people to do the picking there wasn't enough
sugar to do all the preserving. So what did they do?
Well through the W.I.'s fruit picking parties were organized
who went out and gathered berries from evacuated
places as well as the countryside where berries were
growing wild. Then certain members of the Institutes
who were specially trained under the direction of the Ministry
of Food went around to show other women how to preserve
this fruit the wartime way. Believe it or not, as a result
of this organization 6 thousand tons of jam were made.
Think of that. Or even better still think how the Rural