

ONTARIO INSTITUTES WORK FOR BRITAIN

An interesting report has come from Mrs. Arthur McKenna, secretary of the County of Prince Edward Institutes, which reveals that during the past year, of ten active Institutes in the County, many have devoted most of their time to work for the Red Cross. Two outstanding examples are Consecon and Rednersville.

Miss Audra Brickman is president of the Rednersville group. Her father owns a factory, and it is here that the Institute members have canned quantities of preserves and jellies. Several hundred pounds were sent overseas during the past year. Letters of sincere appreciation have been received. Many jars of the jam were given to the people of London's East End during the 1941 Blitz. The Institute members at Gilbert's Mills help this work by providing a large quantity of the sugar.

The workers at Consecon spend most of their time packing boxes for overseas. They follow the Red Cross directions, and to date have lost no parcels. Some of these parcels go to strangers, but most of them to former Consecon boys. Their work is so extensive that weekly meetings are held.

The love of English women for gardens is well known. Seeds are not only scarce but expensive in England, and Canadian women are asked to send seeds. The members contribute to this through the Central fund at Toronto. Last autumn the Prince Edward Institute sent \$100 to this fund.

During the past year the Institute has had a membership of 328, held 117 meetings, at which 108 papers were given. The total attendance was 2,618.

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