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F. Eaton St. John Ambulance City Division Superintendent

LONDON, Ont., — The services of more than 4,000 members of St. John Ambulance Brigade costs Ontario less than 50 cents an hour, Brig.-Gen. C. J. Laurin, president of the St. John Ambulance council, said Tuesday.

More than 250,000 hours of service were provided last year by the 4,000 uniformed personnel in Ontario. It costs the people of the province less than 50 cents per man hour of service given, he said. The corps receives provincial and municipal grants.

The former Army officer, now publisher of the Financial Post, said one of the main areas where the brigade serves best is in making people more accident conscious.

In Ontario last year, the as-



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sociation trained 40,000 to 50,000 persons in home nursing, first aid and child care and

almost 70,000 more in artificial respiration techniques.

The nine divisions in the St. Thomas and London area have almost 200 serving members. Last year in London, senior members put in 5,300 hours of service and 800 persons were trained in first aid, home nursing and child care, he said.

The 1st Forest City Brigade this year marks its 59th anniversary and is the oldest in Canada. The No. 28 London nursing division and the No. 30 group in St. Thomas have operated for 51 years.

Brig. Gen. Laurin was in London to inspect units in the Middlesex - Elgin Brigade. During the inspection at Wolseley Barracks, awards were presented to a number of brigade members.

Major Fred Eaton of St. Thomas received a warrant of appointment as superintendent of the No. 66 ambulance division in St. Thomas.

Lou Mailloux, superintendent of the London division of the twin-county brigade was honored for 12 years of special service.

John Gage of London received a 30-year certificate for passing annual examinations. A 20-year certificate went to William Chatterley, also of London.

Votes of thanks went to Al Craig, Robert Geddes, Albert MacNamara, Joseph Menzill and Mrs. Irma Parker.