

# HALF DOMINION'S AIRCRAFT WILL NOW BE SENT OVERSEAS

Vastly - Expanded Program of Nine Selected Types Undertaken

## AMAZING INCREASE

Ottawa, Jan. 12. — (CP) — Henceforth 50 per cent. of Canada's aircraft output will be modern first-line service and combat planes which will be sent abroad, the munitions department said in a departmental statement to-day.

### Make New Types

Canada has produced 6,500 aircraft since July, 1940, it added, and enters this year ready to undertake a vastly-expanded production program of nine selected types. On behalf of Munition Minister Howe the statement said each of them "is the best of its class in the world."

It added the changeover to new types will mean a substantial increase in the numbers of Canadian aeroplanes sent to theatres of war. Of the 6,500 planes built in the Dominion in the last 30 months, 5,000 remained in Canada to fill requirements of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. (In Toronto yesterday Air Minister Power said it had been decided to rename the training plan the combined training organization.) The remainder of Canada's output went to active war theatres in Britain or elsewhere.

The statement quoted Mr. Howe as saying shipping space will not be needed. Each of the four combat and service types can fly the Atlantic. They can be delivered to any theatre of war under their own power.

### Production Increases

Aircraft production in 1942 was 2½ times that of the previous year, the departmental statement continued, although the industry was expanding and changing over to heavier and more complicated

machines.

"Of these, the Mosquito is regarded as the swiftest and most manoeuvrable of all bombers; the Lancaster has the biggest bomb-load capacity of all long-range aircraft; the Curtiss Hell Diver is the most powerful dive-bomber in the world; and the Catalina is unchallenged as a twin-engined ocean patrol craft.

### One All-Canadian

"Of the trainer types, the Fairchild Cornell ranks as the most modern primary trainer; the Harvard is recognized as the greatest single-engined advanced trainer; and the models of the Canadian Anson, which will come into production during 1943, will be the most outstanding twin-engined trainer yet developed.

"Canada will also continue production of the Bolingbroke, a twin-engined medium bomber adapted for advanced training, and the Noorduyn Norseman, recognized as the most adaptable single-engined transport in the world. The Norseman is the only wholly Canadian-designed aircraft on the program."

The statement quoted Mr. Howe as saying: "Under the leadership of Ralph P. Bell, director-general of the department's aircraft production branch, the aircraft industry in Canada is doing a remarkable job. Our present program is at least four times larger than anything contemplated when this department was organized. It involves types of planes that were not even considered as possible Canadian undertakings two years ago."

Canada's aircraft industry now has more than 75,000 workers, including more than 21,000 women. The statement predicted that there will probably be more than 100,000 persons engaged in the industry when the current production program reaches its peak.

A parallel expansion in the manufacture of aeroplane accessories was noted in the statement. It said the overhaul and repair division has trebled its monthly output of completed repairs on aeroplanes, engines and corresponding accessories.

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