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Canadian Aircraft Production (cont'd)

It was expected that a fair number of Bolingbroses would have been released this week but this is not so. The fact that there were no deliveries of aircraft during the week does not indicate any slacking in production, but the lack of certain embodiment loan items has caused the delay. Every effort is being made to obtain these items as soon as possible.

With the completion of six Fort aircraft during the past week the current contract for 90 is within sight of being complete. It is understood that this contract will be increased to 100.

The Cornell Contract is still in the formative stage at the Fleet Aircraft Ltd., and in a weekly report it is difficult to indicate substantial progress. However, it is of interest to note this week that tubing for ten aircraft is now to hand, shipments of tools are being steadily received from the Fairchild Corp., and a considerable amount of work is now in progress on what is known as Hangar furniture. This consists of wing carrying dollies, Ranger engine carrying stands, fuselage carrying dollies, storage racks for elevators, stabilizers, etc.

Canadian Aircraft Production (Combat Aircraft)

From a production standpoint, work is proceeding satisfactorily on the first five Canso A hulls being erected at Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd., Vancouver. It is estimated that the first hull will be completed within two weeks.

Last week, mention was made of delays in the deliveries of parts from Consolidated Aircraft Corp., San Diego, Cal. A close liaison is being maintained between the Boeing Company and Consolidated and promises have been made which indicate that difficulties may be overcome in the near future.

Sufficient small parts have now been completed for the first four aircraft by Canadian Vickers Ltd. Work on major jigs such as, wings centre section, hull, wing tip floats and landing gear is being pushed forward as much as possible.

American Aircraft for Canadian Delivery

Nine Cessna aircraft were delivered last week bringing the total to 78 on the Lease Lend Contract calling for 100.

29 Stearman Elementary trainers have now been delivered to No. 36 E.F.T.S., Pearce, Alberta. This makes 30 delivered to date including the aircraft delivered to Test and Development Establishment, Rockcliffe.

English Aircraft for Canadian Erection

The first prototype Anson IV has now been received from the United Kingdom.

Five English Ansons, one Battle and five Oxford aircraft were erected during the week. Cumulative totals are now Anson 1001, Battle 523, Oxford 403 and Beaufort 15.