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The Hurricane contract was given to Canada Car by the British Air Ministry in November, 1938, and neither the Canadian Government nor the War Purchasing Board had anything to do with the giving of this contract or the carrying out of the same. The most substantial part of these Hurricane planes, of course, is the engines, and none of these were made in Canada. I think in the first instance they were supplied by Great Britain to Canada Car. Neither were the propellers made in Canada, and a large number of other component parts, and it is false to say that these planes were made in Canadian factories by Canadian workmen. It leaves the impression that they were complete planes built by the Canadian Government and sent over. As a matter of fact they were assembled in Canada for the British Government without the intervention of the Canadian Government at all.

Canada Car has a new contract for Hurricanes which brings them up to a total of six hundred and this was allocated to them by Morris Wilson, representing Beaverbrook, although the contract will probably be signed by the Department of Munitions and Supplies in Ottawa.

Now these are facts that are not going forward to the public properly and I think somebody has got to do something. The Canadian Press should see to it that no propaganda is sent out which could be considered partisan, and that the facts sent out are true. I have investigated this air plane proposition and know what I am talking about. Mr. Meighen thinks it is scandalous, as you will recall from his letter of the 4th instant which you have no doubt received, and it is up to the Canadian Press, if it wants to keep the record clean, to get after this whole thing.

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