

The plan for the army includes the dispatch overseas, successively, of:

1. The balance of the corps troops for the Canadian corps of two divisions now in England;
2. An army tank brigade for employment with the Canadian corps;
3. The third Canadian division, with its complement of corps troops; and
4. A Canadian armoured division.

The air training plan will be developed vigorously and energetically throughout the year. All the projects and schools connected with the plan will be opened and in operation before September next, representing a clear gain of eight months on the original schedule. The aerodrome construction will be equal to that of last year. The present strength of the Royal Canadian Air Force will be doubled. The number of aeroplanes now in use in the air training plan, namely, 1,700 aeroplanes, will be increased to well over 4,000 before the end of this year. In Canada, our air defence will be strengthened by an increase in the number of operational squadrons attached to the home war establishment. Overseas, the three Canadian squadrons, fully equipped, manned and maintained by Canada, will be kept up to strength. There will, in addition, be constituted out of the graduate pupils of the joint air training plan, and identified as Canadian, twenty-five new squadrons. Our aircraft industry will concentrate on building in Canada enough aeroplanes for the air training plan. Our surplus capacity, at the request of the British government, will be used for the manufacture of long-range bombers which can be flown across the Atlantic.

A vast increase in production of war equipment and supplies has been arranged. Since the United States is prepared to manufacture for Britain only such munitions as are in common use for United States' defence purposes, Canadian armament production during 1941 will be concentrated on types of war equipment and weapons which are not obtainable in the United States, such as mark-3 tanks, small arms, Bren guns, aircraft machine guns, and anti-tank guns. Canada will also specialize on the production of ammunition for these weapons and on the manufacture of explosives.

The production of a wide range of naval guns and 25-pounder field guns will be enlarged. Canada is the only source of supply, outside Britain, for these guns. Canada will also produce anti-tank guns for infantry use, and heavy anti-aircraft guns for defence purposes. Canada