

## AIR FORCE

Personnel strength of the Air Force has been increased threefold, from 1,000 in 1936 to 3,171.

A minimum peace-time establishment of 23 squadrons - 11 permanent force squadrons fully equipped with a reserve, and 12 non-permanent squadrons equipped to the extent of one third has been laid down as an objective.

This establishment requires 527 planes of all types, including trainers and a reserve.

Provision has now been made for approximately 430, or four-fifths of the establishment.

The manufacture of modern service aircraft in Canada has been initiated, in order that there may be continuity of supply in an emergency. Setting up this new industry took time.

Nevertheless the Air Force is today flying between 40 and 50 of the finest, fastest and most up-to-date types of service aircraft in the world. Of the new planes ordered under the present government's rehabilitation programme more than 150 have now been delivered.

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