

PRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT (cont'd)

There are now a number of aircraft being made in Canada on Lease Lend and for the United States. Some of these aircraft are not yet in production, others will be a continuation of the production of current models.

Canadian Aircraft Production (Combat Aircraft)

Production of small parts at Canadian Vickers Ltd., for Canso A's is gaining momentum. Joggled (off set) sections in particular show improvement in both quantity and quality, and as a greater assortment of these parts becomes available, sub-assembly work will become more general. Sub-assembly work is, of course, very slow in the initial stages, but some advance is evident. One notable exception is the fact that the third tail cone tip assembly has been completed and is out of the jig. Work continues on the erection of outer wing panel assembly jigs and definite progress is evident in the final adjustment and setting of major hull jigs.

American Aircraft for Canadian Delivery

The Stearman Aviation Corp., Wichita, Kansas, have kept their promise to deliver 75 Stearman Elementary trainers during the month of March. As a matter of fact, 80 have now been delivered.

American deliveries also included 4 Cessnas and one Kittyhawk bringing the totals delivered to 82 and 70 respectively, on current contracts.

English Aircraft for Canadian Erection

There has been little change in the number of English aircraft erected in Canada during the past week, with the exception of the erection of three Oxfords. Cumulative totals are now Anson I, 1001 - Battle 523 - Oxford 406 and Beaufort 15.