

ELECTRICAL (cont'd)

An order was placed with the Northern Electric Co. Ltd., for 80 ammeters, moving coil (Weston model) required for stock.

During the week orders were also placed for large quantities of various aircraft electrical equipment required for stock.

NAVIGATION

Procurement action was taken for 1,600 protractors (Douglas 5 ins.) and 1,600 computers, navigation, type G (Dalton) required for use at all Service Flying Training Schools.

An order was placed for 235 drift recorders, Mk II, complete with transit cases, required for stocks.

WIRELESS

An order was placed for 16 loop assembly (Canadian Marconi marine type) and 16 stands 33" high, also 21 receivers, D.F., complete with valves, for installation in R.C.A.F. sea going vessels.

Orders were also placed during the week for quantities of the following: microphones type C2, receivers, telephone type C1, cords, headbands and earpieces, required for stock.

CLOTHING

Procurement action was taken for large quantities of the following equipment: jackets and trousers, serge blue - jackets, sweater - shirts, service - shirts, summer knit - gloves, leather, black.

PRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Canadian Aircraft Production (Trainer Aircraft)

The following aircraft were received this week: Canadian Anson II, 32 - Harvard II, 6 - Lysander Target Towers 3. Total 41 aircraft.

This is a low figure compared with last week's production of 75 aircraft, but there are times when production figures do not indicate the true position. This week's production is a good example.

For instance, a shortage of certain Embodiment Loan Items for Bolingbroke aircraft is holding up deliveries of 16 aircraft. Procurement of these items is being pushed to the fullest extent, all concerned are fully aware of the situation and no slackening of factory line production has occurred due to the lack of these parts.

Again, the drop in Anson II production from 57 aircraft last week to 32 aircraft this week, can be attributed to lack of airscrews in certain plants. As in the case of the Bolingbroke, everything possible is being done to remedy this condition.

There is one bright spot in this week's situation, Fairchild Aircraft Ltd., state that they expect to step up line production of Bolingbroke aircraft from the present 16 a month to 30 a month by September. National Steel Car Corp., Malton, expects to increase their production of three Lysander Target Towers a week to six a week by the middle of April.

Now that the Fort order is nearing completion at Fleet Aircraft Ltd., Fort Erie, Ont., a transfer of employees to the Cornell assembly department is underway. A factory mock-up of the first aircraft is now in hand using a fuselage and finished parts received from the Fairchild Aircraft Corporation, U.S.A., but as a centre section is still lacking, no headway has been made towards the fitting of wings.

With regard to the DeHavilland Aircraft of Canada, Tiger Moth contract for 150 aircraft, 88 have now been completed. Production is being well maintained at this plant.