

OLD PLANT (Ast PICTURE)
FLEET - THE FIRST 50 YEARS

1928-1938 / SETTING UP OPERATIONS
It all started in London, Ontario in 1928 when. Captain Jack Sanderson and Major Ruben Fleet first met at a local flying club. It was culmination of this friendship that spirited the construction of a Iplant of 7,300 square feet on the present location in 1930.

Work commenced filling an order for ten (10) Fleet Model Sevens for the Canadian Government. During the years 1930-1938 a nucleus of tradesmen and engineers were gathered together and by 1938 the plant facilities had increased to 72,000 square feet. Through the first eight years, the Fleet 14, Fleet Freighter, and the Fleet 21 were built for cusiomers in Canada, Mexico and China. A total of 280 airplanes were buitt in the period.


FLEETMODEL 10


FLEET FREIGHTER (MODEL SOK)


FLEETMODEL 21


REUBEN FLEET


FLEET FINCH (MODEL 16B)


## 1939-1945 SECOND WORLD WAR YEARS

Following the outbreak of the Second World War, the company became completely involved in the war effort. Initial contracts were for 404 Fleet Model 16 Trainers, 100 Advance Trainers, an original design, the Fleet Model 60 and, 80 Handley Page Hampden fuselages. The plant was again enlarged with the addition of Unit 3 and office buildings. Wartime employment in the plant increased to almost 3,000. The overhaul and refurbishment of the Fairey Battle and the Anson aircraft was also completed during this period.

In 1941 work commenced on the redesign and manufacture of the Fairchild PT 23 Primary Trainer. The Canadian version was known as the Cornell. The total number of Cornells produced was 2082 with a peak production of 161 aircraft per month, an impressive production record, which in a post war analysis, was the best performance of all the aircraft manufacturers in Canada. The Cornell aircraft production was phased out and was replaced by the production of the Handley Page Lancaster bomber wing assemblies and other components for that aircraft. In mid 1945, all war work ceased and Fleet returned to peace time activities once again.



## LANCASTER



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## DOMINION OF CANADA INCOME TAX

Return for the year ended 31st December， 1942
（Form prescribed and authorized by the Minister of National Revenue）Insp．

## T．I－SPECIAL 1942

（ $\$ 3,000$ or Under）

Date
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Prepare in duplicate．ONE copy is to be retained by the taxpayer and ONE COPY must be delivered，or mailed，postpaid，on or before 30th June 1943 to the Inspector of Income Tax，


4．Address 1941．．


5．Last return filed？．．．．．．．．．．．Where？
6．Employer＇s name（1942）．

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8．DEPENDENTS－（You may claim as dependents only（a）sons，daughters，grandchildren，brothers，sisters．if under 18 ，or between 18 and 21 and attending school， or over 21 and incapable of self－support；or（b）your own parents or grandparents incapable of self－support．）
The following persons were wholly dependent upon me during 1942．They did not receive an income in excess of $\$ 400$ ，and were resident in Canada，in the British Empire，or in allied countries：－


## 9．STATEMENT OF VOLUNTARY SAVINGS－

The following amounts were paid by me during the calendar year 1942 on account of：－ A Government approved employees＇superannuation，retirement or pension fund or plan （Attach receipts unless amount deducted from pay by employer）
b）Premiums on life insurance policies（less dividends withdrawn or used to reduce premiums， increases in policy loans and cash values obtained），and on annuities，on lives of taxpayer，spouse and the dependents claimed in Item 8．（Industrial and fraternal omit column 5．）

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