About 39 p.c. of Canadian defence orders, were placed in connection with the aircraft program. The other important programs in terms of the value of orders placed were: defence construction, electronics and communication equipment, shipbuilding, and ammunition and explosives. The aircraft program continues to involve the largest proportion of orders and expenditures because of the importance of air protection in the defence of Canada.

2.—Canadian Government Defence Expenditures, by Program, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1952-54

Note.—Figures exclude stockpiling and capital assistance.

Program	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Aircraft	244,462	361,984	454,477
Shipbuilding	60,917	100,555	106,345
Tank—automotive	40,201	97,717	48,846
Weapons	28,726	25,543	26,182
Ammunition and explosives	26, 157	33,352	44,323
Electronics and communication equipment	49,927	89,704	96,495
Fuels and lubricants	28,050	37,058	43,965
Clothing and equipage	78,835	88,723	32,634
Building supplies and equipment	20,674	12,411	11,811
Construction	133,897	209,652	130,700
Other programs	192,350	178,407	126,882
Totals	904,196	1,235,106	1,122,660

Table 3 shows Canadian Government defence orders according to the countries in which they have been placed. During the three-year period Apr. 1, 1951, to Mar. 31, 1954, 12 p.c. were placed in the United States and 3.5 p.c. in the United The largest value of orders placed in the United States occurred during Kingdom. the first year of the defence program, and the largest value placed in the United Kingdom occurred during the fiscal year 1952-53. Almost two-thirds of the orders placed in the United States have been for complete aircraft or equipment for installation in aircraft. The complete aircraft have included Fairchild C-119 transports, Expediters, Mitchells, Avengers, Neptunes, Banshees, and some types of helicopter. Aircraft equipment has included J-47 jet engines for earlier versions of the F-86 Sabre, and electronic gear, armament and other equipment for the Sabre, the CF-100, and the T-33 aircraft. Various other electronic equipment accounted for a further one-fifth of the defence orders placed in the United States, the more important items being the M-33 anti-aircraft fire control systems, sonobuoy receivers, sonar equipment, and early-warning airborne radar sets. The remaining orders placed in the United States were accounted for mainly by weapons, ammunition, machine tools, and tank-automotive programs. Those placed in the United Kingdom were for Centurion tanks, Nene jet engines, and the aircraft carrier Bonaventure.