

'SAUCER' SAID TO BE BOMBER

TORONTO, Mon (AAP): The "flying saucer" which streaked across southern Ontario skies yesterday is now believed to have been a Canberra jet bomber.

About the time the "mystery" object was sighted, a twin-jet Canberra, carrying Air-Chief-Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, head of the RAF Bomber Command, took off from Montreal to fly to Omaha, Nebraska.

At the height the Canberra was flying — about 30,000ft. — a vapour trail was seen over Toronto and the township of London at noon yesterday.

Royal Canadian Air Force Mustangs took off to investigate. Pilots reported that, though they pushed the Mustangs to 450 m.p.h., they were "left standing."

Some estimated the speed of their quarry at 1000 m.p.h.

Defence Minister Brooke Claxton, answering a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, said that the mystery object was "almost certainly" the Canberra bomber.

● *Details of the Canberra's performance are still secret, but its ceiling is about nine miles and its two Rolls Royce engines are said to give it jet fighter speed.*