

MONTHLY REPORTS OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY AIR

THE Air Ministry makes the following announcement:—

The appended tables show the value of goods imported and exported by air during the months of October and November, 1920.

Similar tables will in future be issued monthly.

For the purpose of comparison, a summary is given of the figures for each quarter since the opening of air traffic with the Continent on August 26, 1919. From this date until the end of November, 1920, the value of all imports was £685,054, and of all exports (including re-exports) £344,876.

The volume of goods carried by air in October and November,

1920, was about four times that in the same two months of 1919, the imports having increased from £44,077 to £172,332, and exports (including re-exports) from £22,987 to £109,831.

Among the many different kinds of merchandise transported the most prominent are articles of clothing, furs, jewellery, kinema films, perfumery and mechanical components. The bulk of the imports came from France, where large quantities of ladies' costumes and dresses, as well as hats, hosiery, feathers, artificial flowers, precious stones, and goods of all kinds to the value of £96,076 in October and £67,075 in November were brought by air.

IMPORTS BY AIR October-November, 1920

Period.	Free imports (from)					Dutiable imports (from)							Grand total. All countries.
	Belgium.	France.	Germany.	Nether-lands.	Total free.	Belgium.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Nether-lands.	Switzer-land.	Total dutiable.	
1919	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aug.-Sept. ..	—	4,425	—	—	4,425	—	76	—	—	—	—	76	4,501
Oct.-Dec. ..	176	51,796	—	—	51,972	2	3,357	—	6	1	—	3,366	55,338
1920													
Jan.-March ..	208	71,397	—	470	72,075	5	4,197	—	—	—	—	4,202	76,277
Apr.-June ..	—	173,051	850	1,024	174,925	—	8,563	—	8,082	13	—	16,658	191,583
July-Sept. ..	229	175,672	—	869	176,770	398	7,617	—	200	38	—	8,253	185,023
Oct., 1920 ..	230	96,076	9	206	96,521	18	5,464	—	92	4	—	5,578	102,099
Nov., 1920 ..	929	67,075	—	21	68,025	1	2,009	3	—	3	192	2,208	70,233
TOTAL.													
Aug., 1919- Nov., 1920 ..	1,772	639,492	859	2,590	644,713	424	31,283	3	8,380	59	192	40,341	685,054

EXPORTS BY AIR October-November, 1920

Period.	Exports: British (to)								Re-exports (to)				Grand total. All countries.
	Belgium.	Denmark.	France.	Germany.	Nether-lands.	Spain.	Other countries.	Total British exports.	Belgium.	France.	Nether-lands.	Total re-exports.	
1919	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aug.-Sept. ..	—	—	2,158	—	—	—	—	2,158	—	844	—	844	3,002
Oct.-Dec. ..	9,582	—	16,112	—	—	—	1	25,695	—	2,400	—	2,400	28,095
1920													
Jan.-March ..	1	—	13,159	—	—	—	—	13,160	—	22,488	—	22,488	35,648
Apl.-June ..	—	—	20,842	—	2,585	50	—	23,477	113	36,639	853	37,605	61,082
July-Sept. ..	15,961	3,163	25,681	9	15,835	—	—	60,649	49	36,526	9,994	46,569	107,218
Oct., 1920 ..	7,098	933	41,936	—	7,076	—	26	57,069	138	9,748	4,522	14,408	71,477
Nov., 1920 ..	1,249	24	18,932	18	2,930	3	6	23,162	639	14,426	127	15,192	38,354
TOTAL.													
Aug., 1919- Nov., 1920 ..	33,891	4,120	138,820	27	28,426	53	38	205,370	939	123,071	15,496	139,566	344,876

Improving the London-Copenhagen Service.

AN endeavour is being made to substantially improve the air service between Copenhagen and London, according to Mr. Willie Wulff, Manager of the Danish Aeronautic Company. Up to the present it has been necessary for passengers to stay overnight in Amsterdam, but by the new arrangements there will be two trips from Copenhagen and London daily. Aeroplanes with passengers will leave Copenhagen and London early in the morning, arriving the same night at London and Copenhagen respectively, and machines carrying mails will leave London and Copenhagen at night, so that the mail will be distributed the next afternoon in the two capitals.

Sweden and Commercial Aviation

THE Swedish Customs authorities are now issuing monthly returns of aerial traffic. According to the October return 30 foreign aeroplanes arrived loaded and six in ballast, while

19 left loaded and 17 empty. It is stated in Stockholm that the Northern Aviation Co. has purchased four British aeroplanes, two of which will be flown across by Mr. Hawker and Major Johnstone respectively.

Air Liner as Ambulance

ONE of the Vickers-Vimy machines of the Instone Air Line was called into service as an aerial ambulance on January 3. Two paralyzed officers, Messrs. Bibby and Hayde, were not in a fit condition to travel to the Riviera by the ordinary method of boat and train, and the aeroplane was specially fitted for the journey. Travelling with the invalids were a doctor, a nurse, and an attendant, and with other passengers, two pilots, and a mechanic the number of people travelling was ten. During the whole of the time the machine was in the air wireless telephony was in progress. The first stop was at Paris.