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EDITORIAL COMMENT.



THE new Air Navigation Regulations were issued by the Air Ministry early this week, and appear to contain certain modifications and changes on various points. Time has not permitted a thorough perusal of the Regulations, but a few outstanding items may be noted. Fuller particulars and further

comment will be published in next week's FLIGHT. The principal clause of the Order refers to the inclusion of all British aircraft registered in Great Britain and Northern Ireland wherever such aircraft may be, and to foreign aircraft when in or over Great Britain and Northern Ireland. A further extension of the Order provides that an aircraft cannot avoid liability for compliance with the Order because it is not registered. As in previous years, the Regulations provide for the machines of countries not signatories to the International Air Convention being allowed to fly over this country under special international agreements.

A revision of the previous rules is found in the section dealing with log books. Whereas it has hitherto been necessary for the aircraft and engine log books to be carried on the machine, this will not be required in the future, but the journey log book must be carried and must contain the airworthiness certificate of the machine. So far as we have been able to discover in the limited time at our disposal, no special provision has yet been made for the inclusion of rules applying to light aeroplanes. On the contrary, power is taken to require proof of medical fitness and recent flying experience from candidates for private pilot's licences. This is a point to which we hope to return in more detail next week.

Evidently with an expansion of the existing air services in view, the Order stipulates that in future aircraft carrying more than 10 passengers, and making a continuous flight between two points more than 310 miles apart over land, or a night flight, or a flight between two points more than 124 miles apart over the sea, shall carry a navigator. In view of the number of things the pilot of a modern aeroplane has

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Club Secretaries and others desirous of announcing the dates of important fixtures are invited to send particulars for inclusion in the following list:—

- Jan. 10 "Materials from the Aeronautical Point of View," by Dr. Aitchison and Mr. North, before R.Ae.S.
- Jan. 24 "Fabric and Dopes," by Dr. Ramsbottom, before R.Ae.S.
- Feb. 7 "Airmanship at Sea," by Sqd.-Ldr. Maycock, O.B.E., R.A.F., before R.Ae.S.
- Feb. 21 "Aerial Photography and Survey," by Mr. H. Hamshaw Thomas, before R.Ae.S.
- Mar. 1 French Aero Engine Competition.
- Mar. 6 "Sound Detection," by Major Tucker, before R.Ae.S.
- Mar. 20 "The Report of the Aeronautical Research Committee's Panel on Scale Effect," by Capt. W. S. Farren.
- April 3 "The British Aviation Mission to the Imperial Japanese Navy," by Colonel the Master of Sempill, before R.Ae.S.