

**River Tenders for Air-Liners**

To establish rapid communication with the shore, for mails and passengers, when the big flying boats of the England-Africa airway alight at various points along the river Nile, Imperial Airways have ordered a number of special power boats, luxuriously equipped, which are capable of a speed of 25 miles an hour. Seven of these river tenders, which are being supplied by the British Power Boat Company, of Hythe, near Southampton, will be stationed on the Nile. Each boat is engined with a 75-h.p. motor. A vessel of a similar type is being employed as a tender for flying boats at the Rochester seaplane works of Messrs. Short Brothers, where at the present time three very large marine-type aircraft, each driven by four engines developing a total of 2,000 h.p. are being completed for Imperial Airways for use on the Mediterranean Section of the airway to India and Africa.

**Imperial Airways**

THE receipts of Imperial Airways in November last were £44,508, as compared with £38,879 last year, and the total receipts since the end of March were £445,469 against £440,909 for the corresponding period of last year. The miles flown in November were 73,986 against 82,933, and the total mileage since March was 943,683, as compared with 960,010. A record Christmas mail was carried on the India-England service on December 22, when the flying boat *City of Calcutta* arrived at Athens from Alexandria with a ton of mails—approximately 76,000 letters.

**Canadian Air Mail Contract**

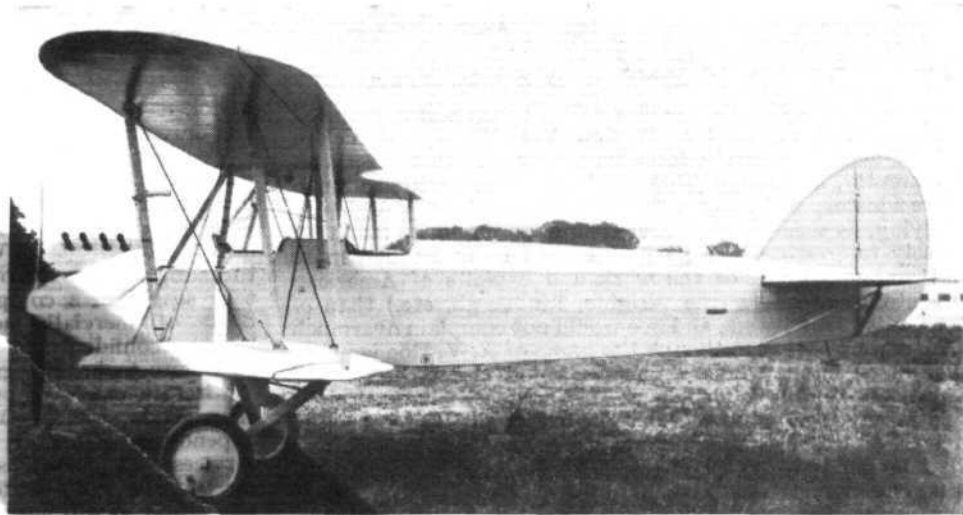
WESTERN CANADA AIRWAYS has just concluded a four year contract with the Canadian Post Office which, in conjunction with through connections with American airways, will result in a saving of 40 hours in the transmission of mails between Calgary, Alberta, and Toronto.

**France and the Schneider Trophy**

It is reported that France has already selected three pilots for this year's Schneider Trophy contest. They are Capt. Amawinch, Lt. Denougeot and Lt. Bougault—who have already carried out trial flights off Bordeaux. Two machines have tentatively been selected, a Nieuport and a Bernard. Both France and Italy have sent in their official entries to the Royal Aero Club.

**A Russian Arctic Air Service?**

SOME time this month the Russian pilot Boris Chukhnovsky and a large crew will leave Moscow in a Soviet-built ANT-9 machine on an expedition to the Arctic. He will follow a route up the Yennessy River (Siberia) to Point



THE "CIRRUS" IN JAPAN: The Ishikawajima training biplane, which, as mentioned in Croydon Notes recently, is now being fitted with "Hermes II" engines.

Dickson, Franz Josef Land, North Land, and other Arctic Ocean outposts.

The object of the expedition is that it is hoped eventually it will be possible to establish all-the-year-round communication with the growing number of Soviet trading posts. At present these outposts are cut off for most of the year by ice.

**D.H. Aeronautical Technical School Ball**

THE students of the De Havilland Technical School are holding a Ball at the Portman Rooms on February 6—Reception at 8 p.m. and dancing from 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets may be obtained by all members of the Aircraft Industry from the hon. secretaries, Capt. A. T. Eadon and Mr. Upton, Stag Lane Aerodrome, Edgware, price 4s. single and 7s. 6d. double.

**British Aerodromes**

IN reply to a question in the House on December 17, Mr. Montague, Under-Secretary of State for Air, said that at present there were 129 licensed civil aerodromes in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and 50 R.A.F. aerodromes, making 179 in all.

**The Blackburn Contract in Greece**

THE Greek Government has signed the contract with the Blackburn Aircraft Co. for exploiting the Phaleron Aircraft Factory. The contract is for seven years, but the Government retains the right to cancel it after five.

**Aircraft for Egyptian Air Force**

FOR reasons of economy the Egyptian Government has decided to reduce the number of aircraft to be purchased to form the nucleus of an Air Force from ten to five.



DIESEL-ENGINES: This Verville "Air Coach" will, it is claimed, fly from Chicago to New York at 105 m.p.h. on four dollars' worth of the special fuel oil used. The maximum speed of the machine is 130 m.p.h. The Packard Diesel engine is rated at 225 b.h.p.