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THE GROSVENOR CHALLENGE CUP

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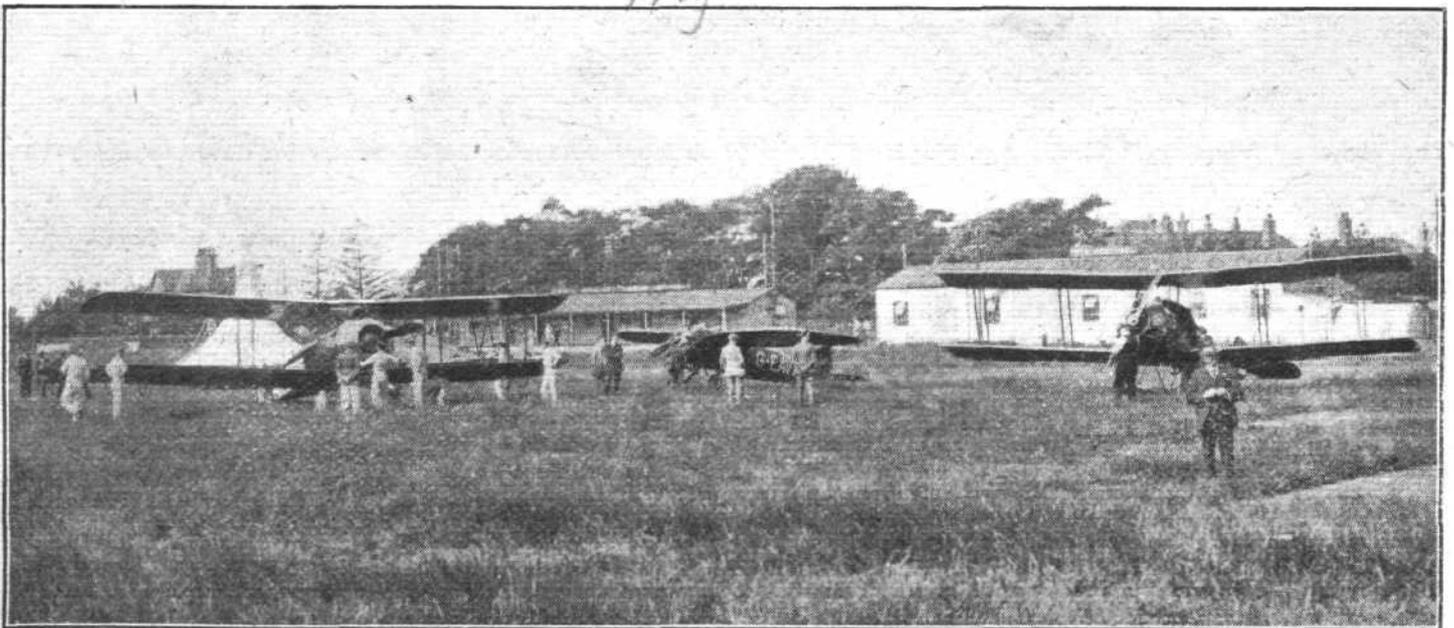
THE GROSVENOR CHALLENGE CUP : On the left, Lord Edward Grosvenor, the donor of the Cup, and on the right, Major-General Sir W. Sefton Brancker—always keeping a watchful eye on Civil Aviation—at Lympne. In the centre is the Cup, a handsome piece of work by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company of Regent Street.

The first air race of the season—the Grosvenor Challenge Cup Point-to-Point Handicap for British-built aeroplanes of not more than 150 h.p.—started last Saturday under ideal conditions, but was unfortunately marred towards the conclusion by a fatal accident to one of the competitors, Major E. L. Foot, M.C., who crashed near Chertsey after leaving Bristol on the homeward journey. Further reference to this regrettable incident will be made later.

The race was flown over a course of approximately 404 miles, starting from Lympne, thence to Croydon (55 miles), Birmingham (106 miles), Bristol (85 miles), Croydon (103 miles), and back to Lympne. Competitors made a stop of half-an-hour at each of the controls. The winner of the Cup and £100, presented by Lord Edward Grosvenor, was

Flight-Lieut. W. H. Longton on a Sopwith "Gnu" (110 h.p. Le Rhone), who completed the 404 miles in 4 hrs. 38 mins. 6 secs. The second prize of £50 was won by F. P. Raynham on his Avro 504 *k* (130 h.p. Clerget), and the third man home was Bert Hinkler on the Avro Baby (35 h.p. Green).

Out of ten entries, one—Lieut.-Col. John Barrett-Lennard's Avro 504 *k*, with Stocken up—scratched, and nine started from Lympne. Out of this number five completed the course. Half the entries consisted of Avros, with one exception, of the 504 *k* type. The only new machine in the race was the Bristol "Taxi-plane" with 100 h.p. Bristol "Lucifer" engine. It is a remarkable fact as regards the engines in the race that the 35 h.p. Green in the Avro Baby was the only water-cooled one, all the others being air-cooled,



THE GROSVENOR CHALLENGE CUP : Preparing some of the machines before the start at Lympne. From left to right may be seen the Sopwith "Gnu" (Longton), the Bristol monoplane (Foot), and a 504 K Avro (Hamersley).