

VICKERS "VIKING" AMPHIBIAN

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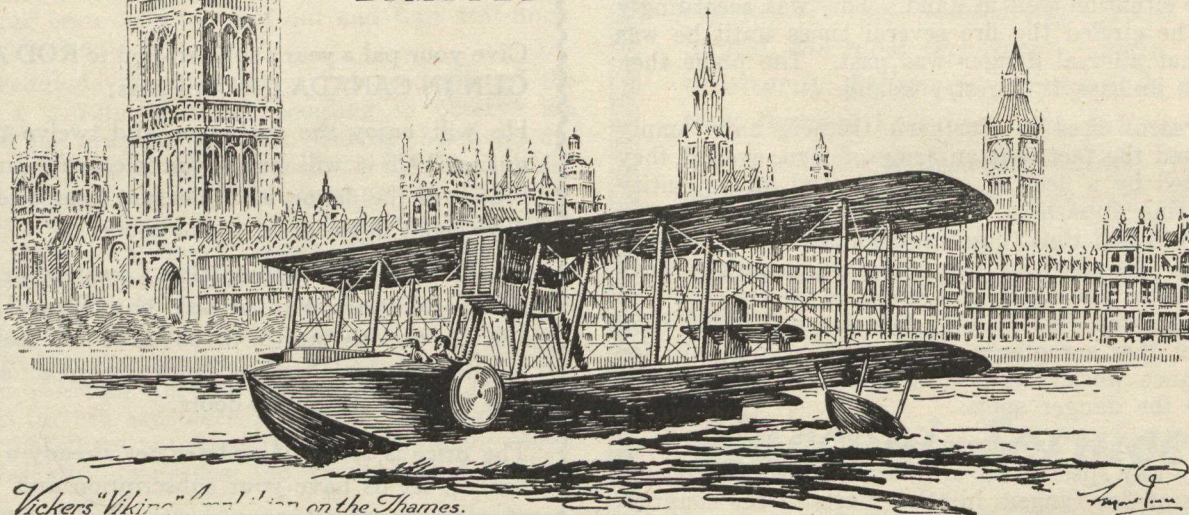
'VIKING' MARK IV, Six passengers and baggage or 1,360 lbs.
 Freight RANGE: 340 miles, SPAN: 50ft. HEIGHT: 15ft. 1 in.
 LENGTH: 35 ft.

The 'Viking' was the winner of the First Prize of £10,000 for the Amphibian Class of Aircraft entered for the British Air Ministry Competition, Sept., 1920.

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Vickers "Viking" Amphibian on the Thames.

Successful Flying Day

A Splendid Demonstration of Aviation in rough Weather Given at Lachine

By George A. Mackie

THE FLYING DAY held at Lachine, P.Q., recently, under the auspices of the Aerial League of the British Empire proved an entire success, although the weather conditions were not in any way favorable, a high wind and rough water causing difficulties which, however, in no way dampened the ardour of the flying enthusiasts present but served rather to test the skill of the pilots engaged and demonstrate the feasibility of operating aircraft under adverse conditions. About seventy passengers were carried on demonstration flights and all expressed themselves as being highly delighted with the whole show, the ladies particularly, of whom there were several taken on their first flight, proving enthusiastic converts to Aviation.

The machines present were the Vickers Viking and the Loening from Laurentide Air Service, Ltd., one H.S.2.L. from the Air Board and two Curtis land machines supplied by Canadian Aerial Services Ltd. Unfortunately pressure of work East of Quebec prevented the Laurentide's H.S.2.L., which was to have been present, from arriving in time, but as the Air Board sent an H.S. to carry their representatives the public was shown this type after all. Mr. J. A. Wilson, Secretary

of the Air Board, together with Major Breadner, Controller of Civil Aviation, and Captain McKeown, as pilot, flew from Ottawa in 1 hr. 15 mins., arriving shortly after lunch and returning again, after having spoken to many of those of the guests present, in time for supper in Ottawa.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne was the first passenger carried. This was his first flight and he expressed himself as delighted with the experience, explaining that it had been more comfortable than any motor trip he had ever taken and that the absence of any discomfort or inconvenience had been most pleasing. He was accompanied by Master Ballantyne. Among the other guests who flew were Col. Gerald Birks, Mr. J. Stanley Cook, Secretary of the Montreal Board of Trade, Lady Brunton, Mayor Ranger of Lachine, Mayor Gordon of St. Lambert, and representatives of the leading Montreal newspapers.

An interesting and interested passenger was Mr. Perry, aged 86, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Mr. Perry expressed himself as delighted with the experience, and said he would not have missed it for anything. He was flying in the Viking, and because of the very deep cockpit stood up in order to get a better view of things. Many believe this is not possible, but this little incident should disabuse the public mind of the idea that the modern commercial plane requires passengers to be strapped in or prevents their moving about. The youngest passenger carried was a boy of about 8 or 10, who enjoyed the trip pretty nearly as much as did Mr. Perry.