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## AVIATION IN THE WEST INDIES.

Not long ago a syndicate was formed by a group of British firms for the promotion of civil flying in the Bermudas, and the new company has now been registered in the United Kingdom, says the London Times.

The Bermudas will find their greatest chance of development when an air route is established from north to south. Such a route is not without promise of very great importance. There is talk now of closer union between the Dominion of Canada and all the British colonies in the west Atlantic and on the Continents of America. If this project materializes there will obviously be need for an "All Red" connection between Canada and the West Indies, and such communication can only be by sea or air. Where goods in bulk have to be carried the matter is one for the shipping companies, but for mails and express passenger traffic the airway has many clear advantages. Government dispatches and touring officials need to be conveyed at speed and they may well form the nucleus of a substantial traffic of mails and tourists. Powerful and seaworthy flying boats will be able to make the crossing from Nova Scotia to the Bermudas and thence to all the West Indian islands, to British Honduras, and to Demerara.

## PLANS ALMOST COMPLETED IN TRINIDAD.

The next step, therefore, is to establish flying stations at suitable points in the West Indies, and the new company is now prepared to proceed with this matter. Plans are almost completed for making a start at Trinidad, the most important British island in the south of the group, and one within easy flying range

(360 miles) of George-town the capital of Demerara. Similar plans are being pushed forward with regard to the Bahamas in the north of the great semicircle. These plans, it is understood, have been approved by the Colonial Office. As for the Governments and people of the islands, they everywhere hail with delight the prospect of rapid communication by air.

Throughout the world communications are the lifeblood of progress; but to no one is this fact more forcibly apparent than to the inhabitants of an archipelago. They are always conscious of their isolation and are always suffering from it. Moreover, in an archipelago more than anywhere else aerial transport is the easiest form of transport to introduce. Harbors and creeks innumerable afford "airdromes" and alighting places to flying boats and seaplanes. The aircraft can work with the confidence which comes from the constant presence of suitable places to alight.

## PASSENGER SERVICE WITH MIAMI—AERIAL SURVEY OF DEMERARA.

Numberless other chances of usefulness for aircraft in that part of the world readily suggest themselves. A brisk passenger traffic between Miami, in Florida, and Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas, is likely to develop as soon as the flying boats commence operation. In Demerara a star may be made with work of a different character. The great need of that colony is a survey of the whole of the territory, and that can best be carried out by means of the aerial camera. Such a survey would greatly assist the opening up of the uplands of

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the interior, where the establishment of health resorts on the lines of the Indian hill stations would add much to the amenities of life and the health of the residents.

One other prospect deserves notice. It seems not improbable that in the near future an air route may be established between Portugal and Brazil via West Africa. It will be a simple matter to link up Demerara with Brazil by air, and thus a new and speedy means of reaching Europe will be offered to the people of the West Indies.—*Porto Rico Progress*, 10th Sept.

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For the Road Commission.

F. LUNNEY.