

CAMPBELL AND THE RECORD

Soon after seven in the morning at Lake Coniston Bluebird was brought out on to the water for the first test run since the adjustments to the stabilising fins. They had been made in the hope of correcting the shaking experienced by Sir Malcolm here a few weeks ago. The speeding was up betimes, on receiving a report that the lake surface was smooth. Tanks filled with 60 gallons Bluebird was started up and the jet engine screamed up to speed.

Campbell started the return run without delay. The boat steered straight, ^{now} but the surface was too bumpy at speed. An attempt on the record was out of the question.

So daughter Jean and other onlookers saw Sir Malcolm come ashore to await better conditions. He also reported that the steering was too stiff. Not till everything was O.K. could the new record be made.