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(1). TITLE:- RACE FOR ADOPTION.

Picture.:- In the background is the Saunders-Roe A.7, and nearest the camera, the Short-Singapore Two. .... The authorities want to decide the type of flying-boat best suited for Service use. .... Hence this great test flight. ....

That the crews are anxious to get on with the job is not to be wondered at.

The Saunders-Roe machine goes off first. .... She is fitted with three Bristol-Jupiter engines, and has a speed --

--of a-hundred-and-twenty miles an hour. .... She has a six-thousand mile trip --

--ahead of her to the Red Sea and back. .... Good luck to her and all the good fellows aboard.

Now follows the Short-Singapore. with her four Rolls-Royce Kestrel engines.

Her speed is said to be greater than that of the other craft.

Well it remains to be seen which is adopted by the Air Ministry for equipment of the new squadrons of the "Air Arm". .... After quite a long "taxi" on the water--

--she "takes off" as gracefully as a bird. .... Good luck to her and --

--her crew, too. .... Hope she'll have good weather, if there is any anywhere !