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SALES IN A TUNNEL!

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Picture:-

At the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough,--
--Lord Londonderry, Secretary for Air, opens--
--a new 24-foot--
--wind tunnel. It is not the largest in the--
--world, which is--
--rather refreshing for a commentator, but it is the
largest in Britain, and Lord Londonderry now advances
to the switch to start the tunnel in operation for the
first time. It is large--
--enough to take a complete aeroplane, body, engine, and--
--propeller, and when the machine is poised, to force--
--past it a current of air moving at a velocity--
--of two-hundred miles per hour. Its--
--object is to build up the volume--
--of scientific data on wind resistance,--
--study machines' behaviour, when making risky--
--flights, save flying test time, and above all improve
aircraft design and stability, and make the air safer for
heroes to fly in.