



Could soon be familiar sight.

Watch for airship this month

A new venture in the aeronautical market is nearing completion at Toronto International Airport that could well develop into a major new industry.

The all new "Skyship 500" floats gracefully under a weighted net in the corner of a hanger. It is the first of its kind in Canada and its sleek 164 foot-long helium-filled envelope reminds you it is almost ready for flight.

"Skyship 500" was developed in England by Airship Industries, and is being assembled here by LTA Systems Inc. It is the first of what could be many of these new style freight and passenger carriers. A sister ship is currently making some successful and encouraging evaluation flights in England and on the continent.

The Canadian model will start test flights sometime in April and will no doubt show off some of its fascinating and very adaptable features. Sky viewers in Halton Hills may very well see it flying.

The "Skyship 500" is a non-rigid airship and the flexible 45 foot diameter envelope has a volume of 180,000 cu. ft. It is filled with an inert gas (helium) and has two air bags, front and back, which can be controlled to trim the ship and compensate for any expansion or contraction of the helium.

It can operate from any unprepared site. In fact, it has flown out of a construction site in the London, England, docks.

On the ground it is moored to a mast from the nose and requires only enough room to rotate into the wind on the single wheel undercarriage.

The airship does not need a runway and the flying controls are the same as a light aircraft. Its manoeuvrability is enhanced by its unique Vector Thrust twin propellers which gives the ship vertical take off and landing capabilities. That means the two gas engines are mounted inboard (the rear of the gondola) and a drive shaft and gear box turn the five bladed propellers or fans inside separate outboard ducts.

The entire fan system can be rotated through 180 degrees giving the pilot upward or downward thrust for take-off or landing.

"Skyship 500" has a range of 500-600 miles, can carry 12 passengers, lifts two tons, and cruises at 60 knots.

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