Fact Sheet Number 13.

The First Flight Over Halifax

The following information should start you on your journey into the past

In 1910 Claude Grahame-White one of Britain's top aviators created excitement with the first aircraft flight over the town. There was a lot of interest when he visited Halifax. He stayed for several days in June courtesy of the Halifax Zoo and Amusement Park.

Despite blustery conditions he made several flights taking off from the Halifax racecourse at Roils Head and flying mainly over the Wheatley, Mount Tabor and Pellon districts.

Be there when the Mayor, Alderman F. Whitley Thomson welcomes him to Halifax saying,

"While the 19th century had been famous for the conquest of the sea and then land by steam and electricity, the 20th century would be famous for the conquest of the air."

and Mr Grahame-White's replies,

"I am particularly glad to be flying here where people have not seen flying before because it seems to me that nearly all the apathy there is in England regarding flying is due to the fact that so few machines have been seen actually in the air in this country."

Alderman G. H. Smith added, "I am delighted that Halifax is taking a leading position in the science and I am sure that there will soon be a factory in the town making flying machines."

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