

Mr. Frank K. McClean flying low on his Short-Wright machine at Eastchurch, the Aero Club's auxiliary flying grounds on Sheppey Island.

was badly damaged the other day. The aviator's mechanic, Masson, was making a trial flight, and when at a height of 20 metres cut off the ignition, but was unable to prevent the machine making a sharp descent. The excellent system of shock-dampers, however, adopted by Mr. Henry Farman on his machines, prevented any extensive damage being done and the mechanic was unhurt.

#### Maurice Farman at Buc.

MR. MAURICE FARMAN had his machine out at Buc on the 23rd ult., and made four flights of 3, 5, 7 and 12 mins. duration respectively, reaching a height of 50 metres during the last-mentioned essay.

#### Doings at Chalons.

DURING the latter part of last week there was never any lack of activity at Chalons Camp, for the pupils of the Farman, Antoinette, and Voisin schools were all at work, and on Saturday last Latham flew for about ten minutes in a new Antoinette which had just arrived from the works. Henry Farman also has been further experimenting with his new machine, and on the 23rd ult., in the early morning, flew round the ground six times. Among the learners the most successful was Valleton on a Farman, who flew for sixteen minutes.

#### At Juvisy.

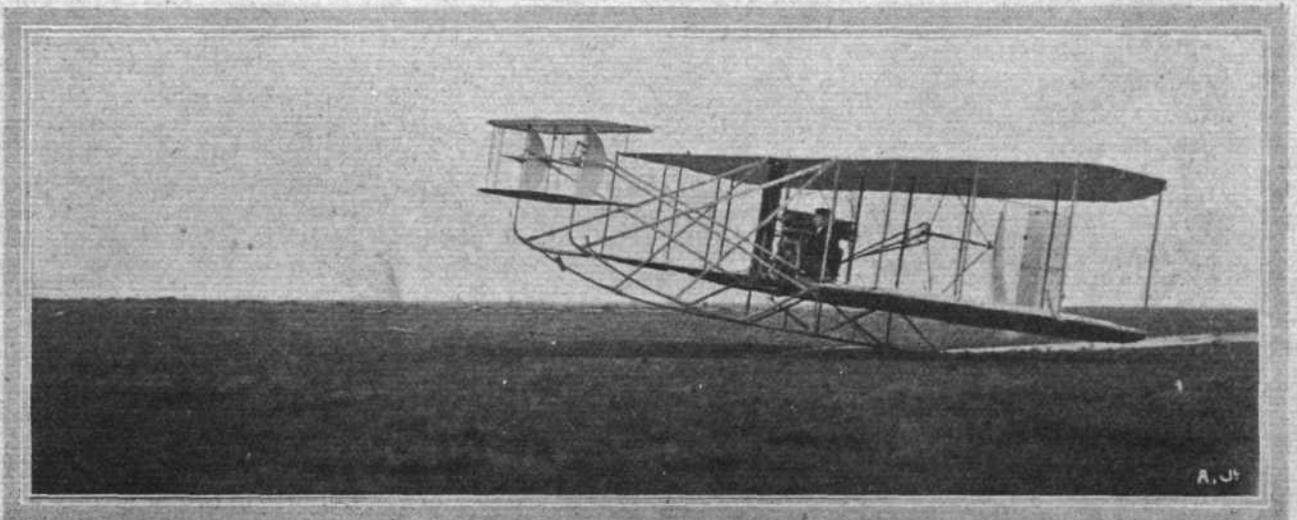
DURING last week Gaubert on his Wright, Richet on his Voisin, and Comte Lambert were flying at Port Aviation on several days. On the 27th, Count Lambert flew for 22 minutes, while on the previous day Ladoville, on the Goupy biplane, and Koechlin, on his monoplane, each made several rounds of the course. Gaubert also flew round four times at a height of 10 metres.

#### 50 Minutes Flight with a British Engine.

It is interesting to note that the Voisin machine on which M. Chateau instructs the purchasers of Voisin biplanes is fitted with a Wolseley motor, and on the 27th ult. M. Chateau made several flights, the longest being of a duration of 49 mins. 35 secs. He was followed by several of his pupils, one of whom, M. Baeder, who flew during 17 minutes.

#### Molon at Havre.

WITH a view to making an early attempt to fly across the sea from Havre to Trouville, Molon has been practising on his Bleriot monoplane at Blainville. On the 25th ult. he made a couple of short flights, one of two and a half minutes and the other of one and a half minutes.



Mr. Frank K. McClean, a member of the Committee of the Aero Club, on his Short-Wright biplane just leaving the starting rail during one of his recent successful flights at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey.