

**BRITISH NOTES OF THE WEEK.**

**Blackpool Flying Carnival.**

THE general committee of the Lancashire Aero Club have approved the proposal put forward by Mr. Huntley Walker, the Chairman of the Club, that the two National aviation meetings allotted to the Lancashire Aero Club by the Royal Aero Club should be held at Blackpool on the same site as last year's aviation meeting.

Also that the meetings be held together as one twelve days meeting, the first part of the programme to be competed for from July 28th to August 3rd, and the second part of the programme to be competed for from August 15th to August 20th, the intervening ten days to be devoted to an exhibition of aeroplanes and aeroplane motors, with exhibition flights each afternoon by one of the leading French aviators, who will be specially engaged for the purpose.

It is understood that the Earl of Lonsdale, the President of the Lancashire Aero Club, is in favour of the Lancashire meetings being held at Blackpool, and will once again give the meetings his full support.

The whole of the £12,000 required for the expenses of the flying carnival has been subscribed by Mr. Huntley Walker, who is also willing to guarantee a further £5,000 if required, thus avoiding any necessity for a guarantee fund.

Mr. Huntley Walker has also started the prize fund with a subscription of £500, and a great many offers of assistance to the prize fund have already been received by the club.

"The beach at Filey extends four miles, and when the tide is out there is nearly a quarter of a mile in width. The sands are generally smooth and hard. On my J.A.P. motor cycle I have



Front view of the aeroplane with which Mr. Eugene Gratz is experimenting at Canewdon, near Southend, to which reference has been made in these columns recently. This shows the general arrangement of the machine. The balancing flaps on the main planes are shown in their raised position.

done 46 m.p.h. per Cowey speedometer, and with my 20-h.p. Vulcan car have done 35 m.p.h. with six men up.

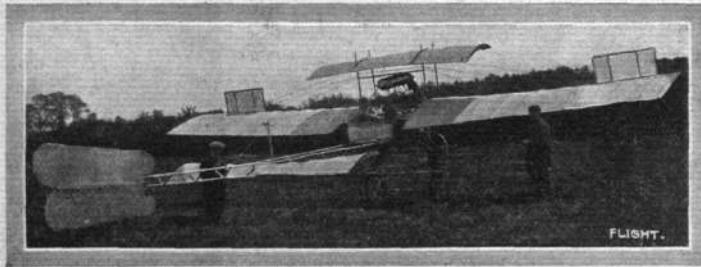
"This will show you what Filey sands are like. A splendid site is being prepared for sheds, a proper slipway from the sands, 12 yds. wide, is being made, and an approach road from the land side half a mile long for motor cars is being constructed. I intend to put up two large sheds at present, and am prepared to let one of them for short periods to other experimenters like myself."

**A Biplane at Burton.**

IN a field near Netherseal on Saturday last Mr. Sydney Evershed, of Burton, commenced experiments with a biplane which he has constructed in his leisure time during the past few months. In general appearance the machine somewhat resembles the latest Farman with monoplane tail, but it is smaller, being only 25 feet of span, while the propeller is placed in front. A motor of 10-h.p. is fitted at present. During the tests on Saturday one or two minor defects were brought to light and these will be put right before any attempts at long flights are made.

**Practice at Dunstall Park.**

SEVERAL of the sheds at the Dunstall Park Racecourse being finished, are now occupied, and last week there was a good deal of practice. On Tuesday Capt. Dawes on a Blériot, and Mr. Granville



Rear view of Mr. Eugene Gratz's Machine.—The elevating is done by the central portion of the small upper plane in conjunction with the balancing flaps on the front edge of the main plane.

The club are already assured of the presence of at least six French aviators of note, together with the best of the English aviators. The number of entries will be restricted to fifteen, and the number of aviators anxious to compete at Blackpool are many times in excess of this number.

The principal prize of the meeting will be one of £2,000 for totalisation of distance. There will also be prizes of £1,000 each for altitude and for speed, and prizes of £500 each for passenger carrying and starting quickly.

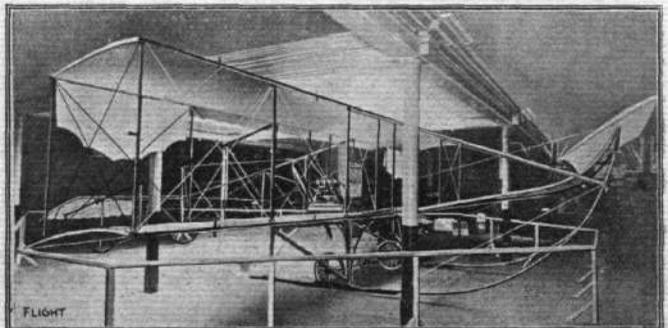
The hangars, enclosures, and stands for the aviation carnival are to be of a permanent nature, so as to establish the aerodrome as a permanent flying ground.

**Mr. H. Ferguson Progresses.**

ON Wednesday of last week, Mr. H. G. Ferguson, who has now taken his all-British monoplane to Magilligan Strand, co. Derry, made a flight of 2½ miles at a height of between 30 and 40 ft. Previously the aviator had flown for a mile.

**Flying on Filey Beach.**

IT looks as if the well-tried stretch of hard sand on Filey Beach will become a regular practising ground for flyers. Mr. J. W. F. Tranmer, having obtained formal permission from the Filey Urban District Council for its use, is pushing ahead with his plans. He writes us upon this subject as follows:—



Mr. Claude Grahame-White's new British-built Biplane on which he hopes to fly from London to Paris.—This photograph was secured in Messrs. Gamage's show-rooms, where the machine has been on exhibition recently.