

AMATEUR AIRMAN.

FLIES A SEAPLANE

MR. L. HORDERN'S DEBUT.

Mr. Lebbeus Hordern, accompanied by a passenger, has made a number of successful flights in his Maurice Farman seaplane.

The maiden trip was made in comparatively calm weather on Monday afternoon, when Mr. Hordern, with Mr. Wood in the passenger's seat, set out from Double Bay with the intention of skimming along the surface in order to get well accustomed to the controls. After travelling at a high speed for some distance, however, a gust of wind caught the machine and it rose steadily in the air to a height of about forty feet. Although the flight was quite unexpected, Mr. Hordern had the machine well in hand, and after travelling for some distance at that elevation, made a graceful descent on to the water.

OVER ADMIRALTY HOUSE.

Upon M. Guillaux's return from Melbourne, yesterday, Mr. Hordern undertook extensive trips. After the noted French airman had made a trial flight with Mr. F. D. McMaster, of Cassilis, Mr. Hordern climbed aboard, and with M. Guillaux alternately piloted the machine over the harbour. On one occasion Mr. Hordern, amid great excitement, passed over the grounds of Admiralty House, where a garden party was in progress.

M. Guillaux last evening stated that Mr. Hordern was an adept pupil, and would soon have a complete mastery over the machine. Mr. Hordern said that he did not experience any particular emotion, but owing to the noise and strain, found the initial trips somewhat tiring.