

Bulletin No. XXVI

Means to Bell.

To A.G. Bell,
Baddeck, N.S.

196 Beacon St. Boston, Mass. Dec. 25, 1908:- I want to thank you most heartily for all the kindness and hospitality shown to me at Hammondsport.

I also wish to express once more my admiration for the work which your Association has done and is doing.

I believe that you will get a splendid development out of the "Silver-Dart" when you get her on the ice at Nova Scotia. Ice is perfection for getting a start, no jars, no shocks.

The "Loon" is a great machine as she is now rigged with her floats and her hydro-curves. I am looking forward to the time when she first flies from the water. That will be an epoch-making day!

I wish you all kinds of success with the tetrahedral flier, Drone No. 5, I think you call it. I shall watch the newspapers eagerly. I have now in the Patent Office eight applications for patents on flying machine accessories. Most of my claims have already been allowed. As soon as my patents are issued I shall take the liberty of sending copies to you.

Please give my regards to Mr. Curtiss and Mr. McCurdy if they are with you and please give them my thanks for the kindness they have shown to me.

Wishing you a very happy new year, I am

(Signed) James Means.