

March 17 Davidson to Halifax Chronicle & Sydney Record:-

The Aerial Experiment Association resumed experiments this week with Drome No. 5, Dr. Bell's tetrahedral Cygnet II with Douglas McCurdy as aviator. Whether due to the head resistance of the structure or the inability of the engine to develop the power required the Cygnet failed to rise. The engine was immediately transferred to the Silver-Dart for a flight and the Dart in turn failed to rise on the first attempt. After a thorough overhauling and speeding of the engine another flight was attempted which proved successful and one of the most sensational flights Mr. McCurdy the aviator has yet accomplished. As a puffing wind varying from 8-14 miles an hour was blowing at the time, it gave the aviator an experience to test the stability of the machine as well as his ability to control it, which were both accomplished without a hitch and a flight of three miles made against and with wind. Mr. McCurdy made several flights to-day over a measured course on the ice but in each flight the engine was working very unsatisfactorily, and Mr. McCurdy made a landing on the ice in each flight before he covered the eight mile straight course covering a distance of 16 miles in flight. The wind was again very unsteady. For recreation and to clear their minds off flying machines for the day a pleasant game of hockey was played between Dr. Bell's Laboratory Staff including the aviator and Baddeck Club. Result 3 to 1 in favor of Laboratory. (Signed) J.C. Davidson.

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March 18 Bell to Associated Press:- Mr. F.W. Baldwin, Chief Engineer of the A.E.A. made this evening at dusk a flight in Drome No. 4, McCurdy's Silver-Dart. This is the first time the Drome has been tried by anyone except Mr. McCurdy. (Signed) Graham Bell.