

Davidson to Halifax Chronicle.

Baddeck, N.S., March 8, 1909:- J.A.D. McCurdy, in his aerodrome Silver-Dart, made five successful flights over the ice on the Bras d'Or Lake remaining in the air, in one flight, eleven minutes fifteen seconds starting about a quarter of a mile below Dr. Bell's Laboratories. After running for a distance of seventy-five yards on the ice, the Dart ascended in the air to an elevation of about twenty feet keeping along the shore and went partly over the town of Baddeck for a distance of two and a half miles beyond, making a circular turn back over the same course and made a beautiful landing within twenty yards of the aerodrome shed flying over, in its course, people, horses, and ice-boats, in all covering a distance of over twelve miles in the flight. Mr. McCurdy said, in landing, the Wright Brothers had his greatest respect in remaining in the air for two hours twenty-three minutes. The Dart was in full control throughout the flights.

(Signed) J.G. Davidson.

Bell to Chas. J. Thompson (Associated Press, N.Y.).

March 9, 1909:- The Aerial Experiment Association decided today that the wind was too strong and puffy to render a long flight with the Silver-Dart safe or advisable. Mr. McCurdy therefore simply practiced upon the ice making a series of short flights at a low elevation none of which exceeded a mile in length. In every case the landing was effected safely and gently and without jar to the machine or aviator.

(Signed) Graham Bell.