

ACTION OF CITIZENS OF BADDECK RESPECTING THE FREE ENTRY OF THE "SILVER-DART": Reported by Wm. F. Bedwin, Supt. of Beinn Bhreagh Laboratory .

Baddeck, N.S., Jan. 21, 1909:- The citizens of Baddeck realizing the importance of Dr. Bell's experimental work to this community felt that it would be a mark of appreciation to use their influence, as a Town, with the Minister of Customs to admit free of duty the flying machine "Silver-Dart" which is being transferred from the Aerial Experiment Association's Plant at Hammondsport, N.Y., to Dr. Bell's Estate at Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck. The following telegram was therefore sent to the Minister of Customs:-

Baddeck, Jan. 16, 1909

To Hon. Mr. Patterson,
Minister of Customs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Citizens Baddeck very anxious that you allow free entry on experimental flying machine and apparatus for Dr. Graham Bell which arrived last night.

(Signed) K.J. McKay.

To this the following reply was received:-

Ottawa, Jan. 16, 1909.

To K.J. McKay,
Baddeck, N.S.

Have written Collector Baddeck respecting admission flying machine.

(Signed) J.W. McDougall.
Commissioner Customs.

I could not get a copy of the letter to the Collector of Customs referred to in the above telegram, but have been informed that it says in substance, that there shall be no duty charged if machine is returned within two years.

(Signed) Wm. F. Bedwin.