

skidding. It will take a day or two to repair damages.

(Signed) Graham Bell.

(The above telegram was also sent to Fred Cooke, Ottawa correspondent of the London Times and to Milton Brown, City Editor of the Sydney Daily Post).

Cox to McCurdy (Halifax Herald).

Baddeck, N.S., Feb. 24, 1909:- The Aerial Experiment Association continued their experiments on the ice in Baddeck Bay this morning. Ideal weather conditions prevailed and Mr. Douglas McCurdy, Secretary of the Association eclipsed all records of the Association by flying four and a half miles at an elevation of between forty and fifty feet in the air, and turning a complete circle.

Mr. F.W. Baldwin, Chief Engineer of the Association, made the first public flight in America in Drome No.1, Selfridge's Red Wing.

Mr. G. H. Curtiss, the Association's Director of Experiments won the Scientific American Trophy on July 4 by flying over a measured kilometer in Drome No.3, Curtiss' June Bug.

Mr. McCurdy in his magnificent flight to-day had full control of the machine at all times, but in endeavoring to circle for the second time at the lower end of the Bay found himself pinched for room and therefore shut off power to avoid running into trees and landed. In doing so the machine skidded on the ice and broke some chords and struts in the starboard wing. A day will repair all damages.

Dr. Bell approves this telegram.

(Signed) Charles R. Cox,
Private Secretary.