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It was decided to take the machine to the aerodrome shed to repair the shaft and to make a new propeller of smaller diameter. Everyone seemed to be well satisfied with the first attempt at a flight of a heavier-than-air machine in Canada, and it was announced that weather conditions being favorable a flight would be made the next afternoon with Drome No. 4, McCurdy's Silver-Dart.

MCCURDY'S FLIGHT IN THE SILVER-DART.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the Aerial Experiment Association continued their experiments. About one o'clock hardly any wind was noticed, and like the previous day the weather was fine and even a greater crowd than the day before had assembled on the ice to witness the experiments. About three o'clock the Silver-Dart was wheeled from her shed to the outer Bay and placed in a position about a mile from the Beinn Bhreagh Shore facing the wind. Mr. McCurdy took the aviator's seat. Crowds at this time began to congregate in front of the machine and along the line of advance of the machine until it became obvious that it would be necessary to appoint police in order to keep the ice clear thereby avoiding accident. Just as the machine was about to be started the wind shifted from the south-east to the north-east, and it was decided to take the machine further up the Bay and start flying towards the Beinn Bhreagh Shore. As most of the Laboratory Staff were on skates this was done very quickly and before some of the people could realize what was taking place the buzz of the engine could be heard in the distance and the