

March 15 New York Times to Bell:- Will you kindly state by wire your objections to the new rule for the Scientific American Cup in connection with your refusal to try for it. (Signed) New York Times.

March 15 Bell to New York Times:- The Aerial Experiment Association understanding that the Aero Club of America would honor the first machine making 25 kilometers under test conditions by the award of the Scientific American Trophy and believing that Drome No.4, McCurdy's Silver-Dart could fulfill the requirements made application for the award. The Aero Club however after receiving the application held a meeting and changed the rules, deciding that the Trophy should go to the machine making the longest flight over 25 kilometers during the present year, thus delaying the award and making it a matter of competition. As the Association is an Experiment Association pure and simple it does not desire to enter into any competition and does not intend to try to make the longest possible flights with its aerodromes. It regrets the misunderstanding with the Aero Club in this matter and withdraws its application. (Signed) Graham Bell, Chairman, A.E.A.

March 16 Gerald Brown (Canadian Club) to Bell:- Canadian Club Ottawa would very much like have honor your company at luncheon or dinner on date to be named by yourself and to receive address from you on recent development Science Aviation with which your name is associated. Canadian Club is non-political organization with membership one thousand including many members both Houses Dominion Parliament. Financial Minister Fielding, with whom I have discussed matter would attend well as other members of Cabinet and could promise you gathering thoroughly worthy of occasion. Club will bear all expenses of your trip and stay in Ottawa. (Signed) Gerald H. Brown. Hon. Secretary.

March 16 Bell to Gerald Brown (Canadian Club):- It would give me much pleasure to address the Canadian Club but could not leave here before Monday, April 4. Any later date will be convenient for me. (Signed) Graham Bell.

March 17 Fred Cook to Bell:- For reasons mentioned your private telegram last week would strongly urge acceptance of Ottawa Canadian Club invitation early in April. Gathering will be National one and might lead to important results. (Signed) Fred Cook.