

Bell to Cooke (Correspondent London Times)

Baddeck, N.S., Feb. 23, 1909:- The first flight of a flying machine in Canada occurred here to-day when Mr. Douglas McCurdy, a native of Baddeck, Nova Scotia, flew a distance of about one half mile, at an elevation of about 30 feet above the ice on Baddeck Bay in an aerodrome of his own design named the "Silver-Dart". This is the fourth aerodrome built by the Aerial Experiment Association of which he is a member. The Association was organized in Halifax in October 1907 and has built five aerodromes.

Drome No.1, Selfridge's Red Wing; Drome No.2, Baldwin's White Wing; Drome No.3, Curtiss' June Bug; Drome No.4, McCurdy's Silver-Dart and Drome No.5, Bell's Cygnet the second.

No.5 is a tetrahedral aerodrome designed by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, the Chairman of the Association. It was tried for the first time yesterday but the ten-foot propeller used overloaded the engine, the propeller shaft sheared and the propeller was thrown off against the ice and broken. Some days will elapse before another propeller can be made and in the meantime the Association will carry on experiments with McCurdy's No.4, the Silver-Dart, at Baddeck.

(Signed) Graham Bell.