

Bell to President Roosevelt.

To The President
of the United States,
White House, Washington, D.C.

Baddeck, N.S., Oct. 5, 1908:- The death of Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge, in the recent accident to the Wright Brothers flying machine, has deprived the United States Army of the services of the only officer acquainted with the work of the Aerial Experiment Association of which I am Chairman.

On behalf of the Association therefore, allow me to say, that we shall be very glad to give any information concerning our work to some other officer of the U S Army if desired.

We have, at Hammondsport, New York, an aerodrome available for experimental purposes, which won the Scientific American Trophy July 4, 1908, by flying one kilometer in a straight line.

We have another improved aerodrome upon the same model which is expected to take the air in about two weeks at Hammondsport, New York.

We have also at Beinn Bhreagh, Near Baddeck, Nova Scotia two other aerodromes partly completed, of entirely different construction which will probably be ready for trial in the early part of November.

We shall be glad to submit all these aerodromes, and the whole past work of the Association, to any officer properly detailed by the War Department, and afford him every opportunity for making experiments with our machines.

Signed, Alexander Graham Bell
Chairman of the A.E.A.