

Notes by Alexander Graham Bell, December 7, 1907

125 1907, Dec. 7 Saturday At Beihn Bhreagh.

(Copied from A. G. B's Home Notes p. 199 by M. B. McC.).

Yesterday (Friday Dec. 7) — The “Cygnet” rose into the air carrying Lieut. Selfridge aloft. Kite flew well and steadily for a few minutes in a wind having a velocity of 25 ½ miles relatively to the kite. During a lull in the wind the kite descended gently to the water — but towing rope was not slackened or cut in time to prevent kite from being towed through the water at the speed of the “Blue Hill”— The center part of the kite gave way under the strain — but Lieut. Selfridge swan out from the wreck and was picked up by a boat — quite uninjured. So ended the second — and alas — last flight of the “Cygnet”. There is not space for full account here — and so will start a new Note-book with the details. Will only note here the names of the witnesses of this successful and conclusive (!) experiment.

Witnesses, so far as known, arranged alphabetically: —

Baldwin, F.W.

Bedwin, W.F.

Bell, A.G.

Bell, Mabel G.

Bleasdale, J.

Byrnes, Charles

Campbell, S.C.

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Davidson, J.D.

Grosvenor, Mabel

Hannam, J.

Ingraham, K.

Kennan, Emeline W.

Kennan, George

Manchester, Percy

McAuly, Donald

McCurdy, Caroline

McCurdy, Georgina

McCurdy, J.A.D.

McCurdy, Mabel

McDermid, John

McDonald, Dr. D.

McDonald, S.

McDonald, W.J.

McFarland, Malcolm

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McInnis, Dan

McKay, Wilson

McKillop Angus

McLean John

McNeil, John

McRae, Capt. D.

Morrison, J.A.

Reid, George

Rudderham, W.E.

Selfridge, T.E.

Stuart, W.

Watson, Christina

Watson, Robert

37 Persons.