



# **BILL NO. 207**

*Private Member's Bill*

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*2nd Session, 60th General Assembly  
Nova Scotia  
57 Elizabeth II, 2008*

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## **An Act to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the First Controlled Powered Flight in Canada by the Silver Dart in Nova Scotia**

CHAPTER 46  
ACTS OF 2008

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
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of the First Controlled Powered Flight in Canada  
by the Silver Dart in Nova Scotia**

WHEREAS Nova Scotia is a province of many firsts;

AND WHEREAS the Aerial Experiment Association, formed in 1907, consisted of Alexander Graham Bell (chairman), Frederick W. "Casey" Baldwin (chief engineer), J. A. Douglas McCurdy (treasurer and assistant engineer), Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge (secretary) and Glenn H. Curtiss (director of experiments) and was financed by Mabel Bell;

AND WHEREAS the Association designed and built several airplanes, including the *Silver Dart*;

AND WHEREAS on February 23, 1909, the *Silver Dart*, piloted by J. A. Douglas McCurdy, flew from the ice-covered Bras d'Or Lake at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS this flight was the first controlled powered flight of a heavier-than-air machine in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the year 2009 is the one hundredth anniversary of this historic flight;

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1 This Act may be cited as the *Silver Dart 100th Anniversary Act*.
- 2 Throughout the Province, the year 2009 shall be celebrated as the one hundredth anniversary of the first airplane flight in Canada by the *Silver Dart* in the Province.
- 3 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

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