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w I flew Casey Baldwin to Baddeck. Had to fly him up in our Moth air? plane, as some slight damage was done to the one in pho? to.... He was in the airplane- he was upside down in it with me. We were headed out for Baddeck, and we had to go get the other aircraft. He was a member of the Legislature, and he was working out of Baddeck still at that time. He was 50- something or 60, whatever. I flew him up there because the roads were (bad) and everything. (So you got in this plane first?) Yes. (What happened?) We hooked in the crust of the snow • broke through • the ski broke through and caught in it. And there was a gust of wind came and turned the < thing right over on its back like that. And then I took another plane, and I flew him to Baddeck, landed on the ice there where the original flight was made. But you know, it's quite an honour to fly the very first person to fly • Canadian • to fly ever. (Casev Baldwin flew the Silver Dart off the ice of Baddeck Bav on Febmarv 23.1909 • the first heavier-than-air flight in Canada, and the first by a British subject in the British Empire.) What a nice experience it was. He left the airplane running on the ice, and went up to have a couple of drinks up in the big Bell estate up on the top of the nfx)untain, like, up where they are. Quite a nice experience for me. mf' COMMIJRCIAL A!R FJiOT'S CLKMHOIT'- '' 295-2234 .xV'' 'e' Serving Breakfast Daily • FULLY LICENSED • Air Conditioned Seating Capacity of 140 Tour Buses Welcome (reserve in advance) FAMILY RESTAURANT Affordable Welcomes you to PrICGS • DOWNTOWN BADDECK • " • i ' Specializing in seafood & Chinese cuisine ' ' Environment Canada Canadian Parks Environnement Canada Service canadien BADDECK, N, S. ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK No Admission Charge 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year Round 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. July 1 to Sept. 30 Open 7 Days a Week BELL THE MAN \* BELL THE EXPERIMENTER \* HYDROFOIL HALL Beautiful, Intelligent and Peaceful 75 ion. west of Sydney on Route 105 Children Can Build & Fly a Bell Kite Special Evening Presentations Inquire 295-2069 for Times CanadS