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COMET AND NOVA SECTION

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COMET ALCOCK, 1963b.

On March 19, G.E.D. Alcock made his third comet discovery. It was about magnitude 8 at the time, and is now slowly becoming brighter. During April and May it will be visible in binoculars or small telescopes, and will be circumpolar for most Canadian observers until mid May. The following ephemeris was supplied by Michael McCants, and is based on 8 observations to April 1. No epoch was stated, but it appears to be for about 1950.

Date	d.A.*	Dec.	Mag.
	h m	o'	
April 9	18 56.8	53 16	7.5
13	18 42.5	54 17	7.4
17	18 34.6	55 14	7.3
21	18 02.6	56 01	7.1
25	17 35.9	56 30	6.9
29	17 04.9	56 27	6.8
May 3	16 29.5	55 40	6.7
7	15 52.5	55 55	6.6
11	15 16.0	51 04	6.5
15	14 42.4	47 08	6.5
19	14 12.9	42 18	6.4
23	13 48.1	36 51	6.5
27	13 27.8	31 07	6.5
31	13 11.4	25 23	6.7

Centres are asked to let interested observers know about this comet. The undersigned would appreciate receiving reports on this comet.

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