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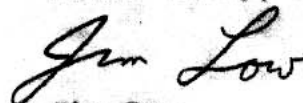
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Dear Miss Northcott,

The enclosed paper is for your consideration for
publication in the "Journal of the R.A.S.C."

Yours truly,



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During 1962, a total of 1953 searches of 67 areas were made by 27 observers. Three Centres, Hamilton, Montreal, and Niagara Falls took part in the search part of this programme. Since there are about 400 areas well placed for Canadian observers, there is still a need for many more observers.

Comets Seki-Lines and Humason were widely observed during 1962, and several fainter comets were seen by other observers. Reports are still coming in, and it is expected that the total number of 1962 comet observations in Canada will be over a hundred. At the time of writing (April 7), it appears that 1963 will be a better year than 1962. To date, reports have been received on Comet Ikeya (1963a), Nova Herculis 1963, and Comet Alcock (1963b).

This programme requires many more observers, and those who are interested are asked to contact the undersigned. However, if more than one person in a Centre is interested, they are asked to appoint a Comet and Nova Coordinator for that Centre, who will correspond with the National Coordinator.

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