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Dear Miss Northcott,

Thank-you for your letter of July 28. I have received few observations of Comets Tomita-Gerber-Honda or Elnya1964, as yet. Several members of the Niagara Falls Centre observed the former comet, and Mr. Maclean has promised to send a detailed report later. As far as I know, only one person other than myself observed Comet Elnya 1964. If I receive many more reports, before early September, I shall prepare a report for the Journal.


As you may know, some Coordinators of the S.C.O.A.'s have had difficulties in obtaining copies of reports from members and/or Centres. Many members like to keep copies of observations for their own records, and making copies can be time consuming or expensive.

The ephemeris listed on Announcement #9 is in considerable error after August 1. I did not, however, send out a new announcement. The purpose of my announcements is to let Centres know, as soon as possible, of new bright comets or novae visible, and it is assumed that those interested will look further into the matter. I did wait a few days after receiving an ephemeris, in case a revised one was issued, but did not receive one. If I start sending out too many announcements, the cost may become a problem.

You should receive a copy of a research paper on the history of the R.A.S.C. and amateur astronomy in Canada within the next month. I have just prepared a rough copy of the paper, and have had it checked by a relative who has had experience in writing research papers. I will have Miss I.K. Williamson look it over in a few days, before typing it up.

Best regards and

Good observing,


 Jim Low