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COMET AND NOVA SECTION

SUMMARY OF 1966

SEARCHES

Last year, 19 members made a total of 2,476 searches of selected areas of the sky. One member (David Levy, Montreal) made about half of the searches and, in addition, spent about 60 hours making telescopic searches for comets. Although nothing was discovered by members during the past year, there were several "false alarms". On two occasions telegrams were sent to the I.A.U. but discoveries were never confirmed. The following members searched during the past year (after the name is the Centre and the total searches made): Steve Ashe, Montreal, 2; Miss Ella Dack, Montreal, 25; David Fewtrell, Montreal, 167; Jon Finkel, Montreal, 19; Reginald Gallant, Toronto, 4; Mark Gerasimoff, Windsor, 5; Richard Gregory, Montreal, 10; Carl Jorgensen, Montreal, 18; Doug King, Montreal, 4; David Levy, Montreal, 1271; Justin Long, Montreal, 28; Hugh Maclean, Niagara Falls, 390; A.J. Morehouse, U.S.A., 1; Leo Nikkinen, Montreal, 3; Stephen Simon, Montreal, 33; Norman Sylvester, Hamilton, 64; Vic Williams, Montreal, 276; Miss I.K. Williamson, Montreal, 64; Mrs. K. Zorgo, Montreal, 92.

Since this section started receiving reports in 1962, a total of 10,894 searches have been made. Totals for each year:

1962 — 1,954    1963 — 2,299    1964 — 2,222    1965 — 1,943    1966 — 2,476

OBSERVATIONS    During 1966, 61 observations were reported for three comets:

	<u>No. of Observations</u>	<u>No. of Observers</u>	<u>No. of Centres</u>
Kilston, 1966b	57	7	4
Barbon, 1966c	3	2	2
Ikeya-Everhart, 1966d	1	1	1

PERIODIC COMET FINLAY, 1886 VII    During the next few months, observers with telescopes over six inches may wish to look for this comet. It is well placed in the morning sky.

<u>1967 00h.</u>	<u>R.A.(1950)</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Mag.</u>	<u>1967 00h.</u>	<u>R.A.(1950)</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Mag.</u>
Jul. 9	02 24.6	10 24 N	12.3	Aug. 18	05 15.6	21 54 N	12.3
	19 03 09.9	14 25			28 05 51.7	22 57	
	29 03 54.1	17 42	12.0	Sep. 7	06 24.2	23 30	13.0
Aug. 8	04 36.2	20 21			17 06 52.8	23 40	

NOTES

Your Co-ordinator was unable to attend the General Assembly this year and regrets being unable to meet some of the Comet and Nova searchers who were in Montreal then. Are you planning to visit EXPO? Although there is nothing directly connected with comets and novae there, the subject of Astronomy is represented.



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