

Sociedad Astronómica

DE MÉXICO.



México, October 4th, de 1903

Sr. D. J. R. Collins.

TORONTO

My dear Mr. Collins:

I received your letter of the 15th inst, and I was very sorry about the death of dear Mr. Lumsden. If it is no trouble for you, please present my condolence to the family of Mr. Lumsden. I shall be very much obliged to you.

Also I should like to have a photograph of Mr. Lumsden to be published in our Bulletin.

My wife and myself are very much obliged to you for our nomination as Honorary members of your Honorable Society.

I will do my best in order to write as soon as possible the paper you want, for one of the first meetings of 1904.

I am, dear Mr. Collins,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Luis Reón". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the bottom.

Address:

Calle de Cocheros No 2.



Quebec  
Rochebye, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1903

Mr J. R. Collins  
Secretary Royal Astronomical Society  
Toronto

Dear Sir

At a meeting held last night we organized "The Quebec Astronomical & Physical Society" - The following Officers were elected  
President - Judge Morrison, Vice President -  
Mr Ewing Burchon, Treasurer Robt. Wightman  
Secretary A. L. Danard & Librarian J. H. Packham<sup>30</sup>.  
Our meetings are to be held on the second Monday evening of each month. I hereby apply for affiliation with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as directed by the bye-laws, etc of the Quebec Society

Yours Respectful  
A. L. Danard

AMM  
1903



All letters on official business should  
be sent to the Director.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA,

Robert Bell, M.D., D.Sc. (Cantab.), LL.D., F.R.S., I.S.O.,

ACTING DEPUTY HEAD AND DIRECTOR,

OTTAWA November 23 1904 190

Mr J. R. Collins

Secretary Royal Astronomical Society Toronto

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Can you give me any information relative to the distances at which the meteor ~~is~~ which fell near Shelburne in August of this year was observed? I know of one instance in which it was distinctly seen at a distance of between seventy five and eighty miles but I am inclined to think that it may have been seen at greater distances than this. I have been instructed to prepare a special article relating to this subject for the forthcoming Summary Report of this Department and would be glad to avail myself of any information which you may be in a position to impart to me.

Yours very truly

Robt. A. A. Johnston

Answer placed by  
will send my number  
in a week's time



Swadlincote.

Burton-on-Trent. : Derbyshire.  
England.

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1906.

My dear Sir, It is now some eighteen months ago that I had the pleasure of receiving from you the 1<sup>st</sup> report of the Royal Astron<sup>y</sup> Soc<sup>y</sup> of Canada (under its then new name), containing the selected papers & proceedings of 1902 & 1903. I have carefully read the whole of these with great interest, embracing as they do such a wide field view of the Science. Amongst the various illustrations the one that has particularly attracted my attention, perhaps, because I have studied it most, is the Andromeda Photograph <sup>copy</sup> obtained by Radium as the source of light. The details are certainly very striking, & more distinct than Dr Roberts', with which every one is familiar. I can quite imagine that a long exposure of 12 hours would be absolutely necessary in using Radium, in order that such a clear picture might be got from the original negative or photo taken by Mr. Ritchey at the Yerkes Obs<sup>y</sup>. At all events it is an additional evidence of the extraordinary power which lies hidden in this so newly discovered substance.

I shall esteem it a great favour, Sir, if you can send me another later report of the Society's Proceedings, that is if you have a spare copy at



your disposal. I am sorry that your Expedition last year to Labrador for the Solar Eclipse, was so unfortunate, as we were hoping to have had early records at the beginning of the Eclipse time. The British Astron. Assoc. Expedition to Burgos in Spain, with which I was connected was very successful after all things were taken into consideration. The Report has just been published so that no doubt, a copy of it will be sent by the Assoc<sup>n</sup> to you. If you do not get a copy, I shall be pleased to send you one, if you will let me know.

Meanwhile I beg to express my hopes that your Soc<sup>y</sup> will continue in prosperity, & what is much to be desired, that an increased interest in the subject of Astronomy may be more largely taken up than what it is. I do not know your experience in Canada, but here I know that only a few amongst the many, take any intelligent part in the Science. Houlden that as time goes on, <sup>perhaps</sup> this may be remedied; & so I echo the words, the concluding words of Polo. R. F. Stupart Jan. 20. 1903. that increased membership would be cherished, together with more useful researches made by all connected with the Royal Astron. Soc. of Canada, & other kindred Societies.

With all good wishes,

I beg to remain, dear Sir,  
Yours very faithfully,

J. R. Collins Esq.  
Sec. Roy. Astr. Soc. of Can.

131 Bay St.  
Toronto.

J. T. W. Clavidge.  
(M. A. F. R. A. S.)



Uccle, le 20 Août 1906.

## COMITÉ DE BIBLIOGRAPHIE

ET

## D'ÉTUDES ASTRONOMIQUES

Adresse :

M. LE PROF. D<sup>r</sup> P. STROOBANT  
ASTRONOME A L'OBSERVATOIRE ROYAL  
UCCLE (BELGIQUE)

26°

Monsieur le Directeur,

Nous serions très-honneurs, en vue des divers travaux que nous avons en préparation, d'obtenir des renseignements sur la Société astronomique du Canada. Pourriez-vous nous faire savoir à qui nous devons nous adresser pour obtenir ces indications?

En ce qui concerne la Société elle-même, nous voudrions connaître son histoire, son but, son organisation, sa composition, son conseil, ses publications (Transactions). Au sujet des publications le bibliothécaire de l'Observatoire royal ne les possède pas et il est très-important pour nous d'avoir au moins tout ce qui paraît depuis le 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 1906, car notre Comité prépare la bibliographie de l'astronomie de 1906, premier fascicule de la suite de la Bibliographie générale de Haygarth et Lamarter. Si la Société astronomique du Canada aède à notre demande en envoyant ses publications à l'Observatoire royal de Belgique nous proposerions de faire l'échange et elle recevrait entre les publications du Comité (volume annuel de bibliographie, liste des observatoires, etc.) celles de l'Observatoire (annuaires et annales astronomiques).

Très-vieilles agréer, Monsieur le Directeur, l'assurance de notre haute considération

Pour le Comité,  
Le Directeur,

P. Stroobant

A Monsieur C. H. McLeod,

Superintendent of the Mc Gill University Observatory



Sept. 1, 1906.

J.R. Collins, Esq.,  
23 North St.,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a letter from Prof. Dr. P. Stroobant, requesting information as to the recent work of the Royal Astronomical Society, and proposing to put the Society on the exchange list of the Royal Observatory of Belgium on receipt of the desired information.

Yours truly,

Coakley

*Amherst*  
*1906*





October 1, 1906.

J.R.Collins, Esq.,  
23 North St.,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I have your note of Sept 14, in which you are kind enough to request me to prepare a paper for the Royal Astronomical Society for the present year. I regret exceedingly that pressure of work here will prevent my doing this. I trust however at some other time to be able to meet your request.

Yours truly,

*W. Wood*



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## D'ÉTUDES ASTRONOMIQUES

Adresse :

M. LE PROF. Dr P. STROOBANT  
ASTRONOME A L'OBSERVATOIRE ROYAL  
UCCLE (BELGIQUE)

Uccle, le 25 octobre 1906

96°

Monsieur le Secrétaire,

J'ai bien reçu votre lettre du 15 septembre dernier m'annonçant que votre société est disposée à faire l'échange avec les publications astronomiques de l'Observatoire royal de Belgique.

Mais le volume des "Transactions" de l'année dernière dont vous m'annoncez l'envoi ne m'est pas encore parvenu.

Je désirerais beaucoup avoir les renseignements concernant votre société le plus tôt possible pour la rédaction de la notice qui doit figurer dans votre liste des Observateurs et des Astronomes, que nous voudrions faire paraître avant la fin de l'année. Je serais heureux d'avoir aussi une indication concernant les membres qui selon vous devraient figurer dans la liste des astronomes (amateurs [nom, prénom, adresse, instruments, spécialité, etc]).

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Secrétaire, l'assurance de ma parfaite considération

P. Stroobant

A Monsieur J. R. Collins, Secretary of the Royal  
Astronomical Society of Canada  
23 North St.



C/o Lady Wilson.  
32 Russell St.  
Nov-13 <sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir

Would a  
terrestrial globe be  
of value to the  
Royal Astronomical  
Society? If so Lady  
Wilson would be  
pleased to send  
you one which  
belonged to the late  
Sir Adam Wilson,



who was a very  
interested member  
of the Society. The  
globe is on a stand  
about four feet high.

If you think it  
would be acceptable,  
will you kindly let  
me know whether it  
should be sent to  
the Society's rooms,  
& whose care it  
should be directed.

Y<sup>rs</sup> sincerely,  
J. P. Dalton.



Lady Wilson has  
much pleasure in  
sending the  
accompanying globe  
to the Royal  
Astronomical Society  
of Canada & desires  
to express the interest  
that she feels in  
the welfare of the  
Society.

32 Russell St.  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> /06.



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA,

A. P. LOW, DEPUTY HEAD AND DIRECTOR.

Ottawa

Nov. 19 . 1906

Sir  
Would you kindly send me a copy of Professor  
Kirschmann's paper on  
"Life in other worlds"

Yours very truly

J. Keele

Geological Survey Dept.

The Secretary

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

Amund  
1872



# Memorandum

FROM THE

REV. J. T. W. CLARIDGE, M.A., F.R.A.S.

(MEMBER OF THE BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE BELGIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY.)

Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1906.

Swadline St.

Burton-on-Trent.

Derbyshire. England.

Dear Sir, Your letter (with Charter & By-laws),  
to hand for which many thanks.

I shall be very pleased for you to place my name  
in nomination as a Member of the Royal Astron. Soc<sup>y</sup> of  
Canada, & will fill up the requisite papers for Election  
as soon as I receive them. Perhaps you will kindly  
forward to me a copy of the new regulations when issued  
from the press together with such other documents you  
may deem of interest & importance.

I have written to the Secretary of the British  
Astronomical Association, asking him to send you from  
me, a copy of the B.A.A. report of the Solar Eclipse, &  
I shall be glad to hear from you when you receive it.

I am extremely obliged by your kindness in sending  
me two years "Transactions" of the Society. I have found  
them most interesting & instructive, & shall look forward  
to the future for further papers as may be published.

Again thanking you

I beg to remain, dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

J. R. Collins Esq.

Sec. the Roy. Astr. Soc. of Can<sup>a</sup>

Toronto.

J. T. W. Claridge.



Ottawa Nov 26

[1906?]

MB

My Dear Collins

I apologise for not replying earlier to your recent letter.

I am a very bad correspondent and nearly always have to make apologies.

The albums are nearly ready to send out and I think are very nice. There has been an enormous amount of work on them and this accounts for the delay. I hope they will please when received.

In regard to a paper before the Society I am not overly anxious of course to get one



ready but if I am urged  
sufficiently I suppose I could  
do so. I don't know about  
my trip this summer. I  
think I would prefer to give  
something more technical.

Please excuse paper as the  
office is just out of note  
paper. Kind regards to  
everyone in Toronto.

Yours Sincerely  
J. B. Blackett.

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Dec 14 1906.

My Dear Collins

Am very glad you like the album. I am enclosing your films as you ask and am sorry we had to keep them so long.

Ch. Ten Chant has also asked me for a paper so I suppose I am booked alright. I presume however when we get our own section started here that we will not be so frequently asked for



papers.

Best Christmas wishes to  
you and to the remaining  
Detroit members of the  
Eclipse Expedition

Yours Sincerely

J. R. Shacklet



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At the meeting of the Royal  
Astronomical Society in the  
Cambridge Institute last night  
the ~~chief~~ <sup>was a lecture</sup> ~~lecture~~ <sup>was a lecture</sup>  
R. F. ~~the~~ <sup>part</sup> director  
the Meteorological Service of Canada  
on the earthquake records of  
the past year as shown on  
the isonographs at Loma Ventura  
B.C. and other places special  
reference being made to the  
Jurassic catastrophe that it  
is found where the ocean bed  
recedes ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> the coast  
below the surface at a slant of  
one to 35 ~~that~~ <sup>these</sup> deep places are  
regarded as danger zones and  
indicate weak spots in the earth's  
crust  
Reference was made to the death of  
J. L. Hamilton who was an active member of the Society





January 4th, 1907.

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The Mayor of Toronto regrets exceedingly that the pressure of work incident to the Inauguration of the new Council prevents his acceptance of the very kind invitation of the President and Council of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, to their Annual At-Home, to be held on Thursday, January 8th, in the Society's rooms, 198 College street.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,  
Secretary, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,  
198 College Street, City.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
TORONTO.

4. 1. 57

Sir, I am directed by His  
Honour to acknowledge the  
invitation of the Royal  
Astronomical Society  
for an Address on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
inst - and to say His Honour  
has already accepted an  
invitation for that evening  
from His Honour's  
Convenience

I have the Honour to be



Sir

Your obedt servt

~~of the~~ ~~and~~ ~~also~~ ~~major~~

Official Secretary

J. R. Colman E

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Incedat  
May 11.  
Col. Graham  
Dr. Harris



Please address any reply to "THE DEPUTY MINISTER, Education Department, Toronto," quoting also Number and Date.

(Form 50A—2,000—Dec., 1906.)



Toronto, Jan. 5/07.

Dear Mr. Chant:

I would be pleased to accept the kind invitation which has been sent me, to the "At Home" of the Astronomical Society, if it were not for a previous engagement made for that evening, the 8th.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

*A. H. U. Colquhoun*

Prof. C. A. Chant,  
University of Toronto,  
Queen's Park,  
Toronto.



ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

THE CANADIAN ORDER OF THE  
 WOODMEN OF THE WORLD,  
 LONDON, - - CANADA.

W. S. HARRISON, M.D.  
 HEAD PHYSICIAN,  
 32 BORDEN STREET.

TORONTO, *Jan'y 9/07,*

*J. B. Adams Esq.*  
*Secy. Royal Astronomical Society*

Dear Sir,

I regret I will be unable to accept your cordial invitation to be present with you at your Annual at Home to-morrow evening. I trust it will be the most successful at Home you have yet held

*Yours Sincerely*  
*W. S. Harrison*



WESTON WETHERBEE

SHERIFF OF ORLEANS COUNTY.

BELL PHONE 12 A.

HOME PHONE 2081.

ALBION, N. Y. January 15 1907

Mr J. P. Collins  
Toronto, Canada

Dear Mr Collins

Your kind letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> was duly received, and I will say; to give the \$2.00 sent you, to the Society - as it will do no harm, if I receive your journal this will help defray some of the expenses connected therewith. The Journal should be a great help to Amateur Observers not <sup>living</sup> within the limits of your city. I am sorry to hear of your accident & hope your hand will soon again be normal. Thanking you for your courteous letter.  
Sincerely,  
Very Truly,  
Weston Wetherbee.

This is in reference  
to the \$2.00  
Reflected to  
as a present  
to the Assoc.  
in the County records  
JPC



# Memorandum

FROM THE

England.

Swadlincote.

Burton-on-Trent.

Derbyshire.

REV. J. T. W. CLARIDGE, M.A., F.R.A.S.

(MEMBER OF THE BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE BELGIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY.)

Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1907.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your letter, & also the "Canadian Astron<sup>t</sup> Handbook" for 1907, which, from the rapid glance that I have made of it, seems to me to be very useful & helpful to beginners in observational work.

I received the announcement also from the Treasurer (Mr. G. Ridout) of my election as an Associate Member of the Society, & I must tender my heartiest thanks to yourself for bringing my name before the Council. I shall value very much indeed the "Transactions" as they are published, & other papers that may be issued from time to time.

Living so far away, of course, it is out of the question for me to be present at any of the Society's meetings, still, it will be my endeavour to foster an interest in all its undertakings.

May I ask you kindly to send me (if you have any on hand), photographs of the Society's instruments, observatory &c., as I have not yet seen any.

I hope you received the British Astron<sup>t</sup> Assoc<sup>n</sup> Report of the Solar Eclipse of 1905 which I asked the Assistant Secretary (Mr. J. F. Maunder) to forward to you from me.

With all good wishes.

I am, dear Sir,

J. R. Collins Esq.

Yours truly

Toronto.

J. T. W. Claridge.



HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY.

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

U. S. A.

March 11, 1907.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of the publication entitled

Journal of the Royal  
Astronomical Society of Canada  
Vol. I. No. I. Jan. Feb. 1907.  
which you have had the kindness to  
present to the library of this Observatory,  
and for which I return my thanks.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. B. Phillips*  
Director

HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY,  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1907

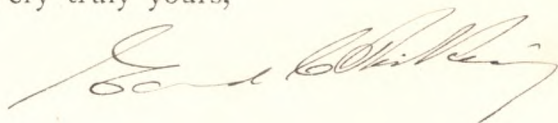
Dear Sir:

Please accept my grateful acknowledgment  
of the receipt of the publication entitled

*Journal of the Royal Astronomical  
Society of Canada. Vol. I, No. I,  
Jan - Feb - 1907.*

which you have had the kindness to present to me.

Very truly yours,



*Secretary of the  
Royal Astronomical Society -  
Toronto.*



OFFICE OF  
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE,  
CANADA.

Ottawa, 28th March 1907.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I duly received your letter with respect to postal arrangements in connection with the publications of our Society. I see by the papers that Dr. Coulter, the Deputy Postmaster General, is in Washington, but immediately on his return I will see him and do my best to have the arrangement you suggest carried out.

I must thank you for the invitation to Professor Rutherford's lecture which you have been kind enough to send me. I fear, however, that I will not be able to avail myself of it.

Yours very truly,

*J. Pope*

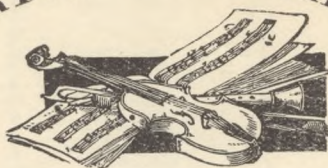
J.R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary, Royal Astronomical Society,

Toronto, Ontario.

TELEPHONE 958.

MORTON L. HARRISON,



Leader at the Opera House.

Manager Harrison's Orchestra.

Violinist.

57 CELEBRATION STREET, SAINT JOHN, N. B.

Apr 2 1907

J. R. Collins Esq.  
198 College St  
Toronto

Toronto out

Dear Sir

I saw by your circular to Mr J. S. Moore Kitchener that there would be delivered during the season 6 lectures on Astronomy, I wondered if they would be published in any form, or if the Papers would have extended reports - if not too much trouble to answer you would confer a favor on

Yours Very truly  
Morton L. Harrison





89C  
Ottawa, April 13th, 1907.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 13th instant respecting a grant for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

In reply I beg to say that there is no arrangement which guarantees grants of this kind to be annual. I will discuss with my colleagues the question of continuing the grant for the present year. It must, however, be understood that all grants of this kind are discretionary with the Government.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Finance.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,  
Toronto.

OFFICE OF  
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE,  
CANADA.

Ottawa, 15th April 1907.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I have yours of the 12th instant. We have succeeded in getting \$1000 revoted this year. I could not manage \$2000 as the question came up too late for discussion and in the circumstances I think we are lucky to get \$1000 as it was very nearly forgotten.

The Society should make an application through Dr. King at a reasonable time before the opening of next session, and I dare say we can get the grant increased. I think the leading steps should, however, be taken by Dr. King, as it pertains directly to his official position as Chief Astronomer to the Government. I of course will back it up in every way that I can.

Yours sincerely,

*Joseph R. Pope*

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

198 College Street,

Toronto, Ontario.



Ottawa, April 16th, 1907 190

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 12th inst., asking that the Government grant to your Society be increased to \$2,000 for the coming year, and I notice that you are apprehensive the grant may not be included at all in the Estimates.

I may say that the Supplementary Estimates for the year beginning 1st inst., have not been brought down, but will likely be made public within a day or two. Until they are so published, it would be <sup>not</sup> permissible that I should give any information with regard to their contents, and I can say nothing with respect to the grant to your Society except that it is by no means to be considered a regular or permanent annual grant. It is simply a matter to be considered each year when the Estimates are being prepared, and with regard to the year now current, I can only say that the subject of a grant to your Society is under consideration.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J.R.Collins, Esq.

Secretary Royal Astronomical Society

198 College St.--Toronto

*A. B. Aylmerworth*

OFFICE OF  
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE,  
CANADA.

Ottawa, 23rd April 1907.

Dear Mr. Collins,

When getting the vote of \$1000  
through the other day I sent the first volume of  
the Journals of the Association in to Council to  
Mr. Fielding and have not seen it since. Could you  
without trouble send me another copy. I could  
return you a copy of volume II, of which I have  
two numbers.

Yours very truly,

*J. Pope*

J. R. Collins, Esq.,  
198 College Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.



Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, 11<sup>th</sup> May 1907

Dear Mr Collins,

I am shocked to find that I have not acknowledged your letter of April 26<sup>th</sup> - informing me of my nomination to represent the R.A.S.C. at the Royal Society meeting. I of course shall be happy to act as representative, if it is not now too late to say so. I suppose you have sent the report to Mr Pope which you wish to present.

I have been so desperately

busy lately that I fear  
I have neglected many  
important matters.

Yours very truly

W. P. King



Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, May 13th, 1907.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary, R. A. S. C.,

23 North St, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing report of the Society for the past year, which I will duly present to the Royal Society to-morrow.

Yours very truly,

*W. H. King*

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, July 6th, 1907.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

23 North St.,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I am sorry not to have been able to send you the "notes" asked for in your letter of the 5th June. The fact is that I had nothing new in regard to the Boundary Surveys, or the Geodetic Survey, which would be of general interest, and I depended upon the other people to send the astronomical notes. I hope to have something for the next issue. I leave for the west in a few days for a tour of inspection of the boundary survey on the 49th parallel,

I am sending you herewith the suggestions of our Section in reference to the Constitution of the Society. The idea is to have the astronomical work in the hands of the Sections and the general management in the hands of the Council, which is quite distinct from the Sections. Through the Council is made large, so as to provide full representation for the Sections, if they wish to use it, the quorum is small.

Yours very truly,

*W. F. King*  
Chief astronomer.



Constitution suggested for the R. A. S. C. by the  
Ottawa Section.

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NAME.

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

OBJECTS.

(As in draft).

COUNCIL.

The governing body of the Society shall be a Council, composed of representatives of the Sections (hereinafter provided for), namely, the President and Secretary of each Section and one elected representative for each 50 members or fraction thereof. The Council may, as hereinafter provided, add to its number.

DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council shall have general oversight of the affairs of the Society - etc., etc. Five members of the Council shall form a quorum.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall be an Honorary President, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Editor. They shall be elected annually by the Council, but not necessarily from their own number. Any persons not already members of the Council so elected by the Council to office, shall become and be during their terms of office, full members of the Council.

MEMBERSHIP.

Note. The sections referring to Active and Honorary Members to stand as they are, providing however that Honorary Members are to be elected by the Council of the Society, and Active Members to be elected by the Sections, after nomination by two members, and approved by the



Executive Committee of the Section. The manner of election shall be provided for in the By-Laws of the Section.

The election of Honorary Members may be by the Council of the Society, by ballot, (through the mail). No necessity for referring it to the general membership.

Expulsion of an Active member, leave clause as it stands, but give the power of expulsion to the member's own Section.

FEES.

Add to Clause XIV that a Member elected before 1st September shall pay for the whole year.

Clause XVI, the Executive Committee of his Section may erase his name.

SECTIONS.

At any place where there is not already a Section established, 10 or more persons may, with the sanction of the Council, form a section of the Society.

A section may make its own By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Society.

Each Section shall be presided over by an Officer to be elected by them, who shall be designated President of the Section. The Section may elect such other officers as they may provide for in their By-Laws, who shall with the President of the Section, form a body to be known as the Executive Committee of the Section.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution shall be amended only after reference to all Active Members of the Society. The vote shall be taken by ballot, through the mail, and the concurrence of two-thirds of those voting shall be necessary to carry the amendment.

*Acknowledged*



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Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA

July 10 1907

My Dear Collins

Your note just received

I will see about the note  
at once and will tell  
Stewart to send his paper  
on. Before Chant left he  
told me that Harper's  
& Draconis was to be published  
in the July-Aug number  
but you do not mention  
it. I had no idea Dr  
King had anything for this  
number. If Harper's paper

is not to be published  
why not? Please let me  
know at once as we are  
already working on it.

You can answer my  
last letter and this at  
same time. 2 birds with  
one stone

Yours Sincerely  
J. P. Plaskett.



Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA. July 31 1904

My Dear Collins.

I am enclosing a pretty successful photograph of the comet, which I think can be well reproduced.

The only thing necessary to say about it I expect is the date, July 20 d 19h 50<sup>m</sup> G. M. T. Exposure time 40m.

Width of field  $9^{\circ} 30'$   
On original negative tail is visible for  $6^{\circ}$   
The original negative had

a transparency and a second negative made from it ~~but~~

to increase the contrast but  
no hand work whatever was  
done on it.

I suppose what is necessary  
can be printed below the cut.

How is Harpers paper getting  
along?

Yours sincerely  
J. S. Plaskett.

If you have occasion to  
print a paragraph about the  
comet it would be as well  
to mention that the print  
~~was~~ transparency 2<sup>nd</sup> negative  
and print were made by  
Mr Steadworthy.



Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY.

OTTAWA, Aug 7 1907

My Dear Collins

Proof enclosed. Trust  
everything will be satisfactory  
now and number soon out.  
The Brashear Doublet with  
which the comet photograph  
was taken is 8 inches aperture  
and 40 inches focus.

Yours sincerely

J. S. Plaskett

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Sep 3 1907

My Dear Collins.

Your letter of Aug 20 <sup>somehow</sup> came while I was away for a week and I delayed answering until my return. I asked Dr King who has just got back and he said you had better apply to the Deputy Minister of Finance. How are things going. Your last number is all right I think that we are doing pretty well for beginners.



Had a long letter from Clark  
some time ago. He is by  
now on his ~~casualty~~ way  
back to Town I suppose.

Yours Sincerely  
J. B. Clark

September 18 1907

Livingston Hall

Columbia College

New York City

My  
Dear Sir:

Kindly permit me to express

my thanks for your kindness in send-  
ing me the paper by Mr. Kirschbaum

which I asked for. I have read it  
with interest & enjoyment.

Sincerely

Samuel B. Cary.

Mr. J. R. Collins

Sec. Royal Astron Soc.

Canada.



Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, September 27th, 1907.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary,

R. A. S. C.,

23 North St.,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Collins,

The Executive Committee of our Section at a meeting held last night asked me to write to you to enquire whether the Council has considered our proposals in relation to the Constitution of the Society. As we expect to resume our meetings in a short time, we should like to have something definite for the consideration of the Section.

Yours very truly,

*W. J. King*

*Answer  
Reply Sep 28/07*

*your communication of the 27th - in reference to proposals in relation to the constitution of the Society - was received and will be laid before the Council at its next meeting Monday night Sept 30th and will advise you as to the result*

*I might say in explanation of the delay in dealing with the subject matter of your former communication, that prior to its receipt, the President Mr. Chant had left the city on a visit to the Lake Observatory (having but just returned) and during his absence no meeting of Council or of the committee having the matter in hand has been held.*

*W. Collins*

*John F. King  
Lake Observatory  
Ottawa*

*[Handwritten signature]*

*Secretary RASE*



Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, Oct. 1st, 1907.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary, Royal Astronomical

Society of Canada,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, informing me that the matter of the proposed changes in the constitution of the Society will be before Council on the 30th Sept. and that you will advise me as to the result.

Yours truly,

*A. P. King*

Chief Astronomer.

*Answer*

*Oct 2/07*

*May be state that your recent letter and the matter therein referred to were brought before the Council at its meeting on Sep 30<sup>th</sup>. But as the Committee having the revision in hand had not yet reported to Council no action was taken ~~then~~ the Committee were urged however to bring in their report as early as possible - as soon as this is done action will be taken by Council.*



2 Oct 1907



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The Secretary  
Royal Astronomical Socy  
Toronto

Dear Sir,

I should be very much obliged if you would advise me as to the best means of finding a purchaser for a large telescope, & a reflector, belonging to a friend of mine. I believe it cost at \$400

Yours truly,  
Arthur Herdman

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, Oct. 5th, 1907.

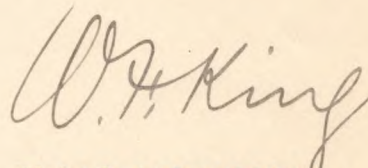
J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary, Royal Astronomical Soc. of Canada,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant informing me that no action was taken on the question of the revision of the Constitution of the Society at the last meeting, as the Committee having that matter in hand had not yet reported.

Yours very truly,



Chief Astronomer.



Toronto, 9th. Oct., 1907.

My Dear Mr. Collins:-

*(Handed Mr. Patterson)*

I return herewith draft of proposed new constitution. Re. Sec. XV - I certainly do not think that sections should elect Vice Presidents and members of Council without the approval of the "headquarters executive". This is "business affecting the Society as a whole", and should be subject to Sec. IV. Sections might make suggestions, or elect officers subject to the confirmation of a "general meeting".

I also object to each section electing a member of council for every 50 members. A combination of sections might thus come to control the policy of the Society - if they voted - and if they don't vote what is the use of them. How could such members attend meetings of council anyway? Section XV gives sections an independence of action not possessed by the headquarters executive.

Re. electing a non-resident President - note Sec. XXI. Dr. Chant suggested that if the President could not preside at our meetings the Vice could act. The harping back to this matter of a non-resident President is significant, in my opinion.

I think if you will read the constitution over carefully you will see that it quite alters the present status of the Toronto Society. This is the crux of the whole matter in dispute. It now remains for us to say whether we wish to take such a step. Personally I should feel some regret at doing so.

Do not think, however, that we can adopt the enclosed constitution without admitting a radical change in our relation to other sections of the Society.

*Your truly*  
*W. B. Patterson*

*You might pass this on to Mr. Patterson*



# Philadelphia Observatory

Broad and Green Streets

Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct. 29, 1907.

Mr. J. R. Collins, Sec.,  
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,  
North St. 23, Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly inform me what volumes have been issued by your society and for what sum we can receive them from you.

Yours very truly,

*Mourae B. Snyder*

Director of the Observatory.

*Alonzo Knapp*



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An ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

in TORONTO. Canada.

Gentlemen, You would oblige us by publishing the following lines at the end of the "Notes" of the next number of your "Journal". With my best thanks beforehand respectfully yours

*We are informed that*

*Leopold Brenner*

THE MANORA OBSERVATORY in Lussinpiccolo (Austria) will cease to exist within several months. Among the instruments to be sold there is also the 7-in. equatorial which was declared by 12 astronomers, who examined it, a unicum in perfection and performances. It enabled Herr BRENNER to measure the companion of Sirius at a time when it was shown only by the Lick refractor (dist.  $3''74$ ) and the star  $\beta$  79 (dist.  $0''54$ ), to discover 200 new objects on Mars, it showed all satellites of Uranus, Mars, Neptune and the 8 older of Saturn and hundreds of markings on Venus and Mercury.



27 Admiral Road,  
Toronto, November 6/07.

George Ridout, Esq.,  
Treasurer of the Royal Astronomical  
Society of Canada,  
Toronto,

Dear Sir:-

Knowing that the post of assistant-  
librarian at the library of the Royal  
Astronomical Society of Canada, has become  
vacant, and having a general idea of  
the work involved, I should like to apply  
for the position.

During the past three years  
I have been engaged principally in

newspaper work; my earliest experience being in connection with proof reading on the Toronto "Star," also on "Saturday Night." A year ago last July I gave up proof work and received an appointment to the editorial staff of "Saturday Night," from which I resigned last January to become Society editor of the "Sunday World." Ill health led me to give up my newspaper work, in the late Spring, but I now feel that I should like to have my time at least partially employed, again. Having always been studiously inclined, I am fond of books, so should enjoy taking care of them, and believe I would rapidly become familiar with my duties in this regard. If you



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should desire further particulars I shall  
be very pleased to furnish them, and  
can be communicated with at any time  
by telephoning N. 4963.

Yours truly,  
Louise Mason.

attended party



Toronto, Nov. 7, 1897.

J. R. Collins Esq

Secretary R. A. S. C.

North St. Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I beg to nominate - for the office of President of the



R. A. S. C. for the year  
1908. Mr. W. B. Musson,  
subject to his assent to  
this nomination. I have  
this day written to Mr.  
Musson soliciting this  
assent.

Yours very truly  
Alfred De Lury

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Nov 8 1907

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My Dear Collins.

I enclose a letter from  
the Treptow Sternwarte, whose  
director Archenhold publishes  
a monthly journal  
"Das Weltall". I sent him  
a print of the comet d  
at request and you will  
note his reply. If you  
can comply with it well  
& good. Possibly you  
might exchange. His  
journal is not too bad.



well as Ottawa and Peterboro  
and if your members  
consent to give equality of  
representation you will not  
find us backward in  
conceding any other points.

Yours Sincerely  
J. H. Lasheet

New Member

D. J. Fraser

Dom. Observatory

Douglas S. McKenzie

Gov<sup>t</sup> Telegraph Service

Dawson City

Y. T.

I give below a couple of  
additional names for membership  
this year. As they have each  
given their \$2.00 I will  
ask you to send them the  
back numbers of the Journal  
and the Handbook.

Stewart will remit to you  
in a day or two the  
balance owing you some  
seven or eight dollars I  
think.

What about the constitution  
I hope none of you thought  
Dr. King's letter unreasonable.  
We are asking only what  
is for the good of the Society  
as a whole Toward a



CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mr. J. R. Collins,  
Sec. R. A. S. C.,  
198 College St.,  
City.

Deer Park, Nov. 11. 07.

Dear Mr. Collins:-

It is good of you to notify me of the very interesting meetings of the Astronomical Society, but owing to some additional work this year, I shall be unable to attend.

Yours sincerely,  
R. Wightman,

P.O. Box 51,  
Deer Park,  
Ont.



462 Sherbrooke Street, W.  
Montreal.

Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Sir: -

Would you think it too much trouble to tell me where I could obtain a photograph of the "Transit of Mercury."

I would also like to know any facts which have been discovered about the new Comet discovered by Mellish at Madison and what constellation it is near and what time to look for it.

Could you tell me when the "Canadian Astronomical

Handbook" for 1908, <sup>will be out</sup> and how  
much it is a copy?

Hoping my question will  
not be too much trouble, &c

I remain

Yours sincerely

Stanley Lindsay.



Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, ..... November 19th, 1907.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,

College Avenue,

Toronto, Ont.

Sir,

On the 26th October last you sent me for consideration by the Ottawa members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada a draft of a proposed revision of the constitution of the Society, which had been prepared by a Committee appointed for that purpose.

In reply I beg to say that the matter has received careful consideration, and that I have been requested by the Executive Committee of our local organization to say that the provisions of the constitution, which relate to the government of the Society, are not satisfactory to them, and to refer you again to my letter of the 6th July last and to the suggestions therewith enclosed. While there are among those suggestions some which deal with matters of detail to which we attach no special importance, there are certain fundamental principles which we wish to have recognized.



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Ottawa, Canada,.....

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Those principles are:

1. That the governing bodies of the society shall be the Council and the Sections.

2. That the arranging for, and the conduct of, meetings for the discussion of scientific matters shall be in the hands of the local groups, or so-called Sections.

3. That the sections shall have control of their own affairs, independently of the Council, but subject to by-laws which have been approved by Council.

4. That the Council shall have the direction of the general affairs of the Society, and shall have no concern with the internal affairs of any Section, so long as that Section continues to observe the constitution.

I am to request that you will lay this letter before the Council of the Society at its next meeting, and that a definite reply, stating whether the Council does or does not agree to these four propositions, may be sent me at an early date, so that we may shape our course accordingly.

On behalf of the members of the Society residing at Ottawa.

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant.

*W. H. King*



# Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, November 26th, 1907.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,

College Street,

Toronto, Ont.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant.

With regard to the specific point you refer to, the question of removal of the headquarters of the Society, I have to say that it is not the wish of any of the members residing here, so far as I know, to remove the headquarters from their present location, nor to introduce into the constitution any provision which will enable a removal to be made easily, or without the fullest consideration by the members of the Society and their approval as indicated by a decisive majority. We are willing to agree to a provision in the Constitution which shall guard against any hasty action in this respect.

We do not however think that the Article 28, which you mention, is a proper provision, as regards such an amendment, or any amendment to the constitution. Three weeks are not sufficient to ensure full consideration, or to bring out the views of a widely scattered membership.

Furthermore, Article 28 is one (perhaps the principal one)



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of the articles of the proposed constitution to which we find most objection from the view-point of outside members. Whatever guarantee there may be in the constitution of the rights of members away from headquarters may be swept away, on short notice, by a two-thirds majority, not of the membership, but of those present at a meeting, which members living at a distance cannot, generally, attend.

With reference to the first proposition set forth in my letter of the 19th instant, that the "governing bodies" of the Society shall be the Council and the Sections, we wish to be understood as meaning that these bodies shall govern according to a Constitution, which will distinctly define the powers of both the Council and the Sections.

Among the other things, the Constitution will state where the headquarters of the Society are to be. The Council will have no power to change this, or any other, provision of the Constitution. It will probably be advisable to provide for making changes, which the future may show to be necessary. These changes will have to be made by the membership. The manner in which the will of the members in that regard shall be expressed may be discussed at a later stage.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*W. F. King*



462 Sherbrooke Street, W.  
Montreal.

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1907.

Dear Sir:—

In your letter which was written in reply to some questions of mine, you stated that any one who was interested in Astronomy could join the "Royal Astronomical Society of Canada." I have never been taught any thing about the stars, but have studied the subject a good deal myself. I am specially interested in the problem of Mars and am in the middle of reading "Mars and Its Canals," by Prof. Lowell.

I would like to join the society very much. I do some reading every night and have a small two inch telescope.

I am working in the Royal Trust Co., so I have not ~~at~~ any time to read during the day. I read the "Scientific American" a great deal.

If you wish to know any other facts concerning my life and family before admitting <sup>me</sup> as member, kindly let me know,

Sincerely Yours  
Stanley Lindsay

Ans. Dec 11/67