

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, Jany. 3rd, 1908.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,
Secretary, R. A. S. C.,
23 North Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Sir,

With reference to the draft of constitution for the Society, as recommended by the Special committee having the matter in hand, a copy of which you transmitted with your letter of the 30th Dec. ultimo, I have to say that this draft was discussed yesterday evening at a meeting of our Executive Committee.

By them I am desired to say that they observe with surprise and regret that so little consideration has been given to their views in the matter, or even to the understanding under which the Ottawa members undertook active work on behalf of the society.

To make this clear, I would refer to the history of the recent movement to enlarge the Society.

During the year 1906, negotiations took place looking to a union of the Astronomical Society, which was about to be formed in Ottawa, with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. The latter at that time was in effect a local institution situated at Toronto, without branches, unless some societies connected with it by a nominal affiliation may be counted as such.

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,.....

(2)

It was desired to make it "truly national in character" (President's address January, 1906). The first step towards this was naturally to bring into union the organization which was ready to form in Ottawa, and which, for evident reasons, would be a desirable acquisition.

In December, 1906 ~~xxxx~~ we were given to understand, that the Society would agree to a basis of union as follows:-

The "Ottawa Section" to be an integral part of the Society; the Toronto members to form the "Toronto Section"; other sections to be formed in Peterboro and elsewhere; each section to elect its own officers and run its own affairs; for the Council each section to nominate certain members, and in addition ballots could be sent to each member of the Society.

It should be borne in mind that this proposal did not emanate from us but came to us as a statement of the views of a committee of Council which had been appointed to consider the question of union. Owing to this circumstance we considered ourselves safe in our action in tentatively forming our organization on the basis of the proposal.

That this basis of union was not a fiction of our imaginations, but was concurred in at that time by the Council is shown by the fact that the first Toronto programme of meetings of the year 1906 used the designation "Toronto Section". So does the Year Book of 1907, the official character of which has been vouched for as late

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,.....

(3)

as November last, when a copy of it was sent by the President and Secretary of the Society to the Government with their application for a money grant.

Necessarily, if the Society refuses to honor, in essential features, the agreement referred to, it will be open, and necessary, to the Ottawa members, and especially to me personally and those most closely associated with me in the matter to reconsider our position.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. King

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

HAMILTON,
CANADA.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan 7th 1908

Mr G. Perry Jenkins.
President Hamilton, Tex B.A. Socy.
237 John St. S.
City

Dear Mr Jenkins.

Enclosed please find
Mr Collins' letter, and thanks for same.
Your kind invitation to join
you in Toronto, Tuesday next, is
much appreciated. But I fear I
will not be able to attend.

I hope that the wise men of Ham-
ilton, guided by our Christmas
star, "the new planet," will return
from Toronto, with the glad tidings
that the Toronto sages, have taken
us to their bosom, as brothers
in the Royal Astronomical Society of Can.

Kind greetings to Mr Collins, Dr.
Chant, Dr. de Sny, & other friends,
including our Tex Hamiltonian
Dr. Marsh. Yours sincerely
P. B. Brady

Loyola College,
Montreal.

10th Jan. '08

Dear Mr Collins

I very much appreciated
your kind note of the 21 Dec and
the good wishes it contained.

For you and yours, a happy
and prosperous New Year is
my sincere wish and I
hope God will confer it with
many a blessing —

Prosperity reminds me that
the source of portion of your
income is a device for hard
ling currency - I hope the re-
ported stringency in this latter
will not make you derive less.
Have you been held at all responsible for tight money!

I am very much expressed by
the thought that I did not acknow-
ledge your kindness in sending me
a large number of Copies of my
"Stonyhurst" effort. I did not expect
any. I am sending you
(about 3000) another, even a more modest effort
do what you like with it, even
to sending it back with a po-
lite formula. I send it to
back up a suggestion that we
cannot all be Plasketts and
Harpers, nor still I can't be
a Kirschman - There ought
to be a poor man's corner
there are such a lot of us, you know,
in that class. a corner

Loyola College,
Montreal.

When one would read of small
things done in a simple way,
or find a ^{short} reference to some
thing occurring abroad or
appearing in some periodical,
I send a sample of what I mean.

I shall be with you in Spirit
on the 14th. How much I should
like to be there in ^{my} more substan-
tial presence. Please make the most
of the occasion to remember me
to my dear Toronto friends.

I have sent my invitation Card
to Mr. Potter who spent Xmas in
Keystone & means to see you
all in Toronto. He bids

is charming

I am just now in the tender
hands of the Grippe, so suffer
patiently my scribbling

With kind regards to your
sister and to your Brother, with
whom I had only a telephone
acquaintance, to your wife
who was too ill to see me
last year, and wishing
you all health and all
blessings, I remain

Yours sincerely

W. P. Havanagh, S. J.



THE SPACE ABOVE IS RESERVED FOR POSTMARK

POSTAL CARD.

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.



*Ms Collins, Secretary
Royal Astronomical Society
of Canada
23 North Street
Toronto, Canada*

Dear Sir:

Jan 12 1908
Youngstown, Ohio, U.S.A.
638 Market St

Your letter of Jan 3/08 was duly received, notifying me that you were forwarding by mail copies of your Society's Publications for 1907 for review in the Astronomischer Jahresbericht. I am leaving Youngstown today to remain permanently and am sorry not to have received these before leaving. If by any oversight they have not yet been mailed will you kindly address them to me in care of The Allegheny Astronomical Observatory Allegheny, Penn. U.S.A (instead of 638 Market St. Youngstown, Ohio as heretofore requested.) My permanent address is Dover, Delaware but I am trying to get these in time to review them for the 1907 volume while making a tour of the West & Central States. Yours truly, Herman S. Davis

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, Jan. 13th, 1908

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary, R. A. S. C.,

23 North Street,

Toronto, Ont.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, in reply to mine of the 3rd.

After quoting from my letter the five propositions which formed the basis on which we were willing to unite with the Society, you say that the Committee cannot understand our grounds for entertaining certain of them.

Our reason for entertaining these propositions was ^{that} they were suggested to us in a letter in practically the same words as those in which I stated them. To assist further in the understanding of this point I attach a verbatim excerpt from the letter in question.

We did not propose these terms; we merely accepted them when offered. They came from Toronto, as an expression of the views of three out of the four members of the Committee. The fourth member I have since understood to concur.

This letter was dated 12th December, 1906. The minute, which you quote, of Oct. 22nd, 1906, is therefore not altogether indicative of the attitude of the Committee or ^{of the} Council at the time our negotiations took place. At the

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,.....

(2)

same time I would point out that the fact that such a minute was passed has not ^{hitherto} been communicated to us. We supposed that the arrangement as to division of fees was a part of the agreement we were entering upon, which like the rest of the agreement would require an amendment to the Society's Constitution.

You observe that the Committee feel that the observations at the close of my letter involve a thought that the Society may decline to act honorably.

I must say that I think such an interpretation of my words is a very forced one.

The Society, as has been perfectly well understood all along, is perfectly free to deal with the agreement or understanding in whatever way they please. You will observe that in my letter of the 3rd instant I used the word "tentatively" in speaking of our action under it.

I have no desire to attempt to force the Society to "honor" the offer which was made to us in December, 1906, nor even to persuade them to do so. My principal desire is to get the matter before the Society - a thing which I have been striving to do for many months - and definitely disposed of, so as to clear the way for our subsequent action.

I wish however that the Society should be apprised of the facts of the case:

That we in Ottawa carried on negotiations for union with the Society with the President of the Society, who in ordinary usage, is the proper officer with whom to negotiate.

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,.....

(3)

That we were offered certain terms which were acceptable to us, and which we thought would afford a suitable basis for the constitution of a national society.

That from what was communicated to us, we believed that there would be little difficulty in the adoption by the Society of a constitution on this basis.

That on this belief we formed our Section "tentatively", i.e., pending action by the Society.

That all our negotiations had an official character, no step being taken without consultation among the officers of our "Section", while we have supposed, until corrected by your statement that the official communications seem to afford no warrant for our entertaining the propositions above mentioned, that similar consultations ^{were taking} ~~would take~~ place between your President, with whom we were negotiating, and his colleagues on the Council.

That our belief that we were proceeding on proper lines was confirmed by the circumstances mentioned in connection with the Programme and the Handbook.

That when it was discovered that the words "Toronto Section" were used in these publications, the Council, as it appears, merely ordered that the new Programme should not contain the words. We were not informed that we had been working under a misapprehension of the views of the Council. The same words used in the "Handbook" were not ^{disavowed.} ~~discovered.~~

That my action in forming a "Section" specially under the auspices of the Dominion Observatory would never have been taken, except on the assumption that the Council would

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,.....

(4)

urge the Society to agree to a union, and not seek to place our association here in a subordinate position.

That under the circumstances stated it will be open to me, if the Society adopts the Constitution as presented by the Committee, to reconsider my course. Having done certain things and led others to do certain things under an assumption proved wrong, it is due to myself that, in the altered circumstances, I take steps to set myself right.

It was with surprise that I saw the statement in your letter of Dec. 30th that the draft Constitution was acceptable to "every" member of the Committee, whereas I had assurances from more than one member of the Committee that they would endeavor to "meet our views", whereas the last draft of the Committee is, in respect to at least one important point, further from the original proposal than the draft forwarded on Oct. 26th, I note with pleasure that you say in this last letter that the Committee was not fully unanimous.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. King

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA,

Jan 14 1908

My Dear Collins

& Lettie

Your card was duly received and I see in yesterday's paper a notice of the honor conferred on your illustrious gentlemen by the R. C. S. C. Personally I prize the honor very highly and wish to thank my good friends at Toronto for so kindly remembering me. However I suppose

issues of the journal. I found
that three of mine were
defective but no one whom
I have so far asked has
any like them.

I apologise for not writing before
but I am terribly rushed
with work these days.

Half a dozen things on
hand and trying to finish
up two or three papers for
publication.

I regret that I could not
attend your conversation
perhaps I may be able to
get to one later.

With kind regards to all

Yours sincerely
J. S. K. K. K.

I shall have
official notice
will do so
comes.

I am glad
took advantage
knowledge of
giving R.M.S.

I hope you
that what
intended to
in any way
admire an
and who
work but
and does not
rank with
In regard

mal. I found
me were
to one whom
asked has
in.

not writing here
rily rushed
these days.
things on
trying to finish
paper for

I could not
conversing
be able to
*,
regards to all
Sincerely
J. S. Plushett

I shall have to answer the
official notification and
will do so when the time
comes.

I am glad the Council
took advantage of my wide
knowledge of affairs in
giving R.M.S. a fellowship.
I hope you fully understood
that what I said was not
intended to reflect on Harper
in any way. Whom I
admire and like sincerely
and who is doing excellent
work but who should not
and does not expect yet to
rank with Stewart.
In regard to the faculty



January 14th, 1908.

219
J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary, Royal Astronomical Society,

198 College Street, City.

My dear Sir;-

Many thanks for your very kind invitation to the Annual At-Home of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, to be held this evening.

I regret exceedingly that an engagement of over a week's standing will preclude the possibility of my acceptance.

With best wishes for a most enjoyable and interesting evening, believe me to be,

Yours very sincerely,

Joseph Oliver

Mayor.

Berlin, 15th Jan 08

J. R. Collins Esq.,
198 College St.,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly
mail me your Astronomical
Stand Book for 1908 and
if there are any charges or
fees in connection therewith
Kindly let me know and I
will disburse all expenses.

Yours etc.,

Oliver Ferrier
53 Ely Street
Berlin.

Answered Jan 14/08

I am pleased to see
that you appreciate the
needs of the poor man -

Here is a suggestion of
a matter that will be useful
to the common herd.

"Determination of the errors
(or value) of a Telescope
both as to objective and
ocular" -

"Determination of the qualities
of a Mirror."

"How to adapt a diffraction
grating for use on a Telescope"

Notola College
68 Drummond Street
Montreal

24 Jan 08

Dear Mr Collins

I am sorry to hear about
that finger the same so
because it points to a
general condition -

Don't overwork yourself
take things easier if you
can - you will last longer.

Don't consider yourself
bound to publish my S,
do what you like with it.

Plenty of information on these points
are to be found Scattered up and
down the "English Mechanic" to
put into practical shape.

I'd like to subject my 4 inch to
a testing process

Godby I started this
note to tell you to build yourself
up - but I find I have gone
far afield, gossiping, as is the
fashion among good friends

Yours truly

J. P. S. J.

P.S.
Thanks for Calendar -
just come

Mr Coster is still in Kingston with his bride - he must
shortly get to Toronto when he has two brothers in
the bank of Commerce.

ROYAL COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERS
GENERAL
SECRETARY
215 BATHURST STREET

'Stonyhurst', Galt ,

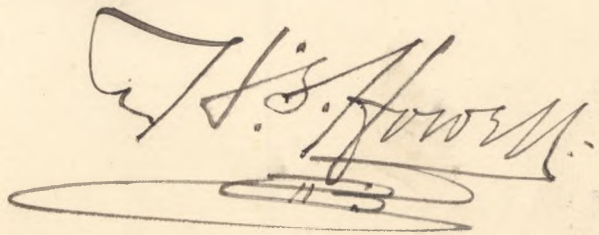
Jan. 24th -'08

J. R. Collins, Esqre./-

Dear Sir : _____

I notice, in the
'Astronomical Handbook,' that those who are
desirous to know something about small
telescopes, are directed to you . So, if
you will give me any information regard-
-ing size, price, etc., I would deem it
a favour . I am endeavouring to in-
-duce my friends to take a greater
interest in this delightful study .

Yours Sincerely :---

W. H. S. Flower


Answered

MRC

Ottawa Jan 24/08.

J. R. Collins ^{Esq}
Secretary
Royal Astronomical Society -

Dear Sir -

I beg to call your attention to the list
of fellows & associates to be found in the back
of the Handbook for 1908 & ask that my name
be inserted H. F. J. Lambert B.Sc. (the Gill University 1904)
instead of "Frederick Lambert" -

Yours very truly

Frederick Lambert -
Boundary Survey -
Trafalgar Building
Ottawa
Ont

Arthur L. Hardman,

Insurance Broker.

Member of Lloyd's, London, England.

TELEPHONE NO 4063.

CODES-PREMIER. A.B.C. (FIFTH EDITION)

Royal Insurance Building,
Toronto.

28 July 1908

The Secretary
Royal Astronomical Soc^y of Canada
Toronto

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of
20th inst with reference to the telescope
about which I wrote you last fall:
it is at present in a locked-up house
at Niagara-on-the-Lake but I will
bring it over here in the Spring & have
it where your members can see it if
they would like. The owner would take
about a quarter of the original cost.

Might I further propose in your kind-
ness by asking you to let me know what
in Toronto I could get a slight repair
effected?

Yours truly,
Arthur L. Hardman

Answer July 19
sent to you

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, ~~January 29th, 1908.~~

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,

23 North Street,

Toronto, Ont.

Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I beg to say that the matter has been discussed by our Executive Committee at a meeting held on Monday last. They ^{agree in} considering ^{it} desirable that a conference should be held with a view to, if possible, arriving at a satisfactory settlement in the matter of the Constitution of the Society.

Accordingly Mr. Plaskett and I are prepared to go to Toronto next week to meet the Council. I am not prepared at the moment to give an exact date. Possibly you may be able to indicate what evening will be the best to secure a good attendance.

The Committee has requested one to enquire what arrangement you are prepared to make in regard to the travelling expenses.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. H. King

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.)

Winchill.

Burton-on-Trent.

Derbyshire: England.

Jan. 31st 1908.

Dear Sir, I have great pleasure in sending you cheque in payment of my subscription for the current year to the Royal Astron. Soc. of Canada & shall be glad to receive your acknowledgment in due course. All the papers come safely to hand.

Please note my change of address as above.

I have recently read a paper before the Burton-on-Trent Scientific & Literary Society, on "Sir W^m Herschel & his Astronomical Work". If you think it would be of value to the Society I will send you a copy of it.

With every good wish.

I am, dear Sir,
yours faithfully,

J. T. W. Claridge.

George Ridout Esq.

(Treasurer)

Royal Astr. Soc. of Canada)

77, York St. Toronto.

Ann. M. 1908

Peterborough, Feb. 8th, 1908.

Mr. J.R. Collins,
198 College St.,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

I regret very much the fact that I was not present at the meeting of the Executive which was held in Toronto on the 4th instant, when the new constitution for the Society was under consideration. Feeling, as I do, a deep interest in the matter I shall esteem it a great favour if you will furnish me a copy of the constitution as finally passed, or advise me as to what action was taken.

You will find enclosed \$2.00 membership fee, which you might kindly hand to Mr. Ridout, the Treasurer, for me.

I assure ^{you} it will afford me great pleasure to further the interests of the R.A.S. in any manner at any time. Thanking you and every member for kind attention and the reception I received on my recent visit to Toronto, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

S. W. Lawry

Received

25 Grosvenor St. Toronto
Feb. 15. 1908.

Mr. J. R. Collins
Dear Sir

It is, unfortunately,
impossible for me to renew my
membership in the Astronomical
Society this year, but I should like
to retain the hand book for use in the
schoolroom. Kindly let me know
the price of it and I shall gladly
remit to you immediately -

Sincerely yours

J. S. McKim

Received
Feb 15 1908



OTTAWA, SECTION

Feb 17 1908

My Dear Collins.

Your letter received.

I will be very glad to give you the lecture referred to at any date in May or June that is convenient to you.

I have a paper before our own "meeting" towards the end of May^{21th or 28th}. but I suppose your date can be arranged so as not to clash with it.

As I said before however
it seems a good deal like
taking coals to Newcastle
to lecture on Optics when you
have Chant there, though
it is a pretty good lecture.

I have two new members
to put on your list, names
below and one of them, ^{St Cyr} wants
to get the numbers of the
Journal for last year. How
much will we charge him
for them. I suppose if we
omit a dollar for them
in addition to the dollar
for this years subscription

that will
well
be having
might
trust our
will go
we can
without
with
me of

New
H. Math
Geology

Arthur
Topog

are however
od deal like
Newcastle
epher. When you
there, though
good lecture.
new members
list, names
of them, ^{St Cyr} wants
numbers of the
year. How
charge him
pose if we
for them
the dollar
subscription

that will be sufficient.

Well I suppose you will
be having a meeting tomorrow
night of the committee. I
trust sincerely that everything
will go smoothly and that
we can get the thing settled
without further friction.

With kind regard believe
me of
Yours sincerely
J. S. Plasket.

New members.

H. Matheson
Geological Survey.

Arthur St. Cyr (wants back numbers)
Topographical Survey Branch

LOYOLA COLLEGE

68 Drummond Street

△
L.C.

Montreal, 6th March 1908

Dear Mr Collins

I wonder could you see
the article referred to in
Jennings letter - I got it
this morning I have not
read it - It has pro-
bably not been published,
you might write about it.

With kind regards

Yours truly

W. P. P. S. J.

Anna M. M. M.



OTTAWA SECTION

March 7 '08

My Dear Collins.

Your letter and enclosed cheque arrived for which I enclose receipt. Thank you very much for the same. Dr King sent his account via Stewart and I suppose you have received it before this. I asked you about St Cyr, who wanted the numbers of the Journal from the beginning, how much you

a short distance from the
Observatory, about a hundred
yards, it will be quite
convenient for seeing your
many friends here.

Yours Sincerely

J. S. Plaskett

would charge
to his name
you forgot to
last.

Please add

D. B. Huger

to our list
and have
the current

How are
going? I hope
no snags
will find
missed...
delighted to
for a visit
when you
and as

see from the
at a hundred

be quite
seeing you
here.

Sincerely
S. Plasket

would charge him in addition
to his membership fee. I suppose
you forgot to answer him you
last.

Please add the name of
D. B. Nugent B.A., Don. Observator
to our list of members and
send him the handbook and
the current issue of the Journal.

How are constitutional matters
going? I trust you have struck
no snags and that we
will find none you have
missed. We will be
delighted to have you come
for a visit to Ottawa
when you have a chance
and as we only live



PETERBOROUGH SECTION.

Springville Ont
Mar 10th 1908

Dear Mr Collins

Please add to your mailing list
The name of Mr A W Patterson 358 Stuart St
Peterboro and be good enough to mail to him
immediately the Jan & Feb issue of the
Journal, also the hand book. Kindly do this
immediately. He joined our Society and is a good
Man for us. Also score Mr Lowry's name
off. he has proved traitor in the camp and has
withdrawn his fees for this year are not paid
and his name was struck off last night.

Miss Stella Foy, % of Conservatory of music
Peterboro, was made both Corresp^t Recording
Secretary last night in Lowry's place. we had
a good meeting I will report it to Dr Chant

Yours truly
D Marsh.

PRESIDENT.

Done 12/14/08

Notola College

68 Drummond Street
Montreal

Dear Mr Collins

Would it be too much
to ask you for any spare
(2 or 3) copies of the last
Journal I sh'd like to send
a marked copy to Stony-
hurst &c

Yours truly

J. Kavanaugh S.J.

4 March 08

Frankville Ont. Co. Leeds March
Mr J. R. Collins 17. 1908

Sec. Royal Astronomical Society
Toronto

Dr. Sir Yours of 14th recd many
thanks. I hereby apply for membership in
the Society. If you will you may refer to
my earlier membership in the Astronomical
Society of Canada, Systematic Studies
And light when in Bible Lands.

In good faith I enclose the \$2.00
you name. And when you send
me receipt and Card or Certificate of
membership please say as to Number
of Members - President's Name

Have you the use of Telescope in tower
of University - Officer favored me by
a look thro' it and Spectroscope.

Any light and aid you will give
will be much appreciated

And I may induce some suitable
persons to unite.

Yours ever

J. M. Henderson

Pastor Methodist Ch.



PETERBOROUGH SECTION.

Springville Ont
Mar 18th 1908

Dear Mr Collins.

Please be good enough to inform
me in what way was Mr Lowry received
into the Toronto fold. Who proposed and
supported him. Kindly oblige by an

Early mail. Yours very truly
D Marsh.

PRESIDENT.



PETERBOROUGH SECTION.

Springville Ont
Mar 28th 1908.

Mr J. R. Collins.
Secretary R.A.S.C
Toronto

Dear Sir. Please Express to the Council see Tuesday evening my disappointment in not being able to be present. And permit me to say to them through you some things which I hope the Council will give attention to.

Mr S. W. Lowry of Peterboro joined us in Peterboro when we organized and paid his fees for one year. At our Annual meeting he was made our Secretary for 1908. He held the office for about two months when he called me up on the phone one day and asked me to remove his name from our membership & stating that he had not paid his fees for 1908. & did not intend to. I asked him for reasons - he would give none - but said drop my name & I will return the books. His name was dropped & he sent the books to our rooms - I wrote you re his request to drop his name when you informed me that he had sent you his fees for 1908, and that you could not remove his name from our roll -
I would like to point out that his name

2



PETERBOROUGH SECTION.

at his own request is off our roll, and that his paying you \$2.00 does not put it on again. Moreover - he cannot join the Society in Toronto by transmission as we do not transmit him. The only way you can receive him as a member is by the usual way - He must be proposed supported and balloted for. It is my judgement that the Peterboro Council will offer severe objection if Mr S W Lowry is made a member of the R.A.S.C in any other than the proper way. Our Council meets on Thursday evening - ~~Monday~~ and we intend dealing with the matter. If you have any communication re this matter kindly address it to me in care of Madell's store Peterboro and do so in time for me to have it before 8 o'clock.

If our Society is to hold its reputation and continue its usefulness it must be courteous and careful.

Yours very truly

D Marsh

Presd -

Peter B

Ann
M. H. A.

President's Office.



April 1st, 1908.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,
198 College Street,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I have received from you the announcement that the Council of the Royal Astronomical Society has made an appropriation for having a medal struck off this year, and I have forwarded this to Dr. Chant, Professor of Astronomy, and I am asking him to communicate with you. Meantime, allow me to thank your Society through you for their donation of a medal to the University.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Williams



CAMBRIDGE
STATION



THE SPACE ABOVE IS RESERVED FOR POSTMARK

POSTAL CARD.

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Secy. Royal Astronomical Society
of Canada.
Toronto,
Canada,

HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

DEAR SIR:—

The *Transactions*
for *1906* ~~190~~

has not been received at this Observatory. Will you kindly supply the missing numbers, if possible, in order that our file may be made complete?

Very truly yours,

Edward C. Pickering
Director.

April 3^d 1908

15 Spencer Ave., Toronto.

April 5, 1908.

Dear Mr. Collins:—

On the evening of Mar. 30 ult. about 8.10. I chanced to go outdoors and my attention was at once attracted by a brilliant display of aurora borealis. It formed a bar, narrowing at the ends, just below the pole star extending easterly to a point below γ Ursae Maj. and westward to Cassiopeia α . It seemed to be at its brightest when I first saw it and soon faded only to reappear in sections. It kept this up for about 5 mins. and then disappeared altogether. Probably some other member has a more complete observation, but I send this anyway as it may be of interest to the Society.

The sky next the horizon directly below the aurora was clear and looked very dark by contrast. I did not see any streamers near the horizon at all. I believe there was a magnetic disturbance about the same time but am not sure.

I am sorry not to be at present in a position to attend the meetings on account of lack of time. Hoping you and your family are enjoying the best of health,

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Kenneth M. Clipshaw

RC ✓
University of Toronto.

DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY.

April 6, 1908.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Astronomical Society
of Canada.

Dear Sir, -

Your letter dated March 28, addressed to the President of the University and referring to the Gold Medal offered annually by the R.A.S.C. to the University, has been handed to me with the request that I communicate with you.

The Senate of the University allotted the medal to the graduating department of Astronomy and Physics, and I beg to say that there will not be a candidate this year qualified to receive it.

Yours very truly

C. A. Hunt

Peterboro', Ont., April 7, 1908.

My Dear Mr. Collins:-

Replying to your letter of the 1st inst. would say that I resigned the office of Secretary of Peterboro' Section some time ago, for reasons that I did not care to make known to Dr. Marsh, although he pressed me to do so. However I wish to remain a member of the R.A.S., as I have been for some time: and even offered to pay for a life membership in it, but received no satisfaction from either Dr. Neal, -who was then Sec'y.- or from Dr. Marsh, to whom the offer was made. You will remember, I paid my fee for 1908 in Toronto so that if I chanced to be in the city I could attend a meeting or anything that was going on; and receive report of progress on the new constitution. I might just say that if I received payment for outlay while Sec'y. my fee would be paid in Peterboro' branch also. I cannot forget the kindness shown me by your Toronto members, and if permitted to retain my membership, I assure you that I will always be found a devoted member of the Society.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S.W. Lowry.

P.S.-

I have sent Mr. F.L. Blake some local papers containing some items of interest to you. S.W.L.

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, 8th April, 1908.

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,

23 North Street,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter transmitting draft, prepared by the Council of the constitution of the Society.

It will be submitted to our Committee as soon as a meeting can be arranged.

Yours truly,

W. H. King



Toronto

Apr 20/08.

Mr. W. B. Unwin

President R. A. S. of Canada
City

Dear Sir, If you can arrange
to allow me the use of the
Cooke telescope for the
Summer months I shall
be pleased to have you do so.

I shall place a special
insurance policy of \$300⁰⁰ to
guard same against loss.

Thanking you in
advance for kindness -

Yours truly
R Stewart Muir

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA. Apr 23 1908

My Dear Collins.

I presume I should have acknowledged formally the receipt of your constitution but you can take it for granted that it has been received as you have already had our comments thereon. One or two of our committee strongly objected to it but they were finally talked over or overruled with

Observatory, Pasadena Cal.

He wrote to me personally
as I spent several days
with him and we consequently
elected him.

Also please change

H. S. Winchester to

247 Sussex St Ottawa.

Kind regards to all

Yours Sincerely

J. S. Plaskett.

the result sent.

Have you taken
into the matter
will likely be
months or more
might send
know how
when is it
have this
adopted, at
the end of

We are just
to get over
now. Snow
but weather
cold.

I have the
another member
W. E. Ellerman

Pasadena Cal.

to me personally
several days
and we consequently
in.

change

Chester to

St. Ottawa.

ards to all

Yours Sincerely

J. S. Clark.

the result sent.

Have you taken any action
in the matter yet? Dr. King
will likely be away for a
month or more and you
might send or let me
know how matters stand.
When is it proposed to
have this constitution
adopted, at once or at
the end of the year?

We are just beginning
to get over winter here
now. Snow is nearly gone
but weather has been very
cold.

I have the election of
another member to record
W. E. Ellerman, Solar

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,18th May, 1908.....

rec

J. R. Collins, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,
23 North Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing the draft constitution as tentatively amended.

I observe you replace, in Article 4, the four Vice-Presidents by two, a First and a Second Vice-President, who will of course be elected by the Society at large, while you make the presiding officers of the centres, additional and ex-officio members of Council.

This is quite in accord with our suggestion, providing representation of the different centres on the Council. As I said in my letter of April 13th it is immaterial so long as the presiding officer is a member of Council whether he be called a Vice-President or not.

I see that you agree to all our other suggestions except the following four:

1. That provision be made for nomination to office by a number of members, without approval by Council.

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,

-2-

2. That amendments to the Constitution asked for by a sufficient number of members shall be submitted to the vote, whether the Council agrees to them or not.

3. That no member shall vote in election of officers unless his fees have been paid.

4. That the Editor shall be a member of Council.

I do not understand why you fear that our insisting on these amendments would "open up the whole question again". The question which we discussed and settled at our conference in Toronto was the proposed division of the Society into Sections.

This question has been definitely disposed of and I cannot see the connection between it and our four suggestions.

The third and fourth are not very important, and, if you think they are dangerous, I am willing to withdraw them. The first and second merely extend to the whole membership rights which your existing Constitution gives your members. Under Article 23 of the Constitution of 1900, any two Fellows, or Associates, may make a nomination for office. (We suggested five as the number of names necessary on a nomination paper).

Under Article 29, the Society may direct the Council to consider an amendment to the Constitution, and if the Council fail to act, the Society may proceed themselves to amend it.

Our suggestion was that an amendment should be submitted on requisition of a number of members, possibly five. The

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,.....

-3-

number might be made greater, say ten, if thought best, or even more.

I believe that some provision of this kind is necessary in the best interests of the Society. Suppose that a number of members want a change in the Constitution. If it is not acceptable to two thirds of the membership, it will be voted down. Even a minority objecting to it on reasonable grounds will probably cause its defeat. It is then disposed of, and nobody is hurt.

But suppose the Council prevents those desiring the change from appealing to the membership. Dissatisfaction will ensue, and perhaps even reprisals may be attempted against these members of Council who are responsible for its rejection. This would be a very undesirable state of affairs.

It seems to me that our suggestion provides a necessary "safety-valve" in the simplest way, but if it is not acceptable, I would propose, as an alternative, that provision be made that a proposed amendment shall be submitted to the whole Council, by correspondence, and approved for submission to the vote, or rejected, according to the decision of the majority.

The quorum of the Council is five. I think that number is insufficient in dealing with such an important matter as an amendment to the Constitution.

I notice one or two places where slight verbal changes are needed. In Article 7 "a board of the members comprising them", the word "comprising" should be "composing".

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada,

-4-

I see I used the wrong word in my letter. At the end of the Article., the last three words of our amendment are "at the centre", which you have written "at any centre". I do not think the word "any" should be used here. It is all right at the beginning of the Article. Probably however "at the centre" may be left out. It will ofcourse be understood that officers of the Ottawa meetings for instance will be elected at a meeting held at Ottawa, and not at Peterboro or Toronto, and similarly with meetings elsewhere.

I may say that this letter has been written after consultation with our Executive Committee and expresses their views, which I trust you will find after consideration to be reasonable.

Yours very truly,

A. J. King

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, ~~.....30th May, 1908.....~~

J. R. Collins, Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,

23 North Street,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, in regard to the Constitution.

The manner in which the Committee propose to deal with our suggestions concerning nominations and amendments to the Constitution is satisfactory to us.

Yours very truly,

W. P. King

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, June 10 1908.

me
My Dear Collins.

Your letter just received.
I expect to reach Toronto
Monday morning and will
try and preserve your
reputation for veracity in
regard to the experiment
you spoke of.

Chant asked me to
stay with him but
he has since told me
that he is going to his
parents golden wedding on

Monday but will return
Monday evening.

However I shall not be
shut by any means as
I have a brother not
far away.

Will see you shortly

Yours Sincerely

JW Casheer-

Private



PETERBOROUGH SECTION.

Springville Ont
June 15 1908

Dear Mr Collins.

But for our garden party tomorrow night I would be with you at meeting.

Our Society here has a real grievance and I think you will find our Council in Toronto very soon to discuss the matter with you. Something must be done to prevent Lowry from our meetings and connection with the Society. He is hurting us here. If Toronto continued him on the roll we will all drop out. If he is not fit for the Local fellowship. He is not fit for Toronto. If you want Peterboro to exist. We must be released of the nuisance.

This letter is private. but the next one won't be.

Yours truly
D Marsh.

P.S. If Lowry continues to be a member the President and his followers at Peterboro will drop out.

am
1908

Peterboro, June 22, 1908

Mr. J. R. Collins

Secretary R. A. S. C.

Toronto

Mr

Letters have been received by me that the three following parties desire their names removed from our list of members - Rev. H. M. Manning because he has not time to attend the meetings, Mr. A. Herbert Watson who is leaving the city and Mr. Harold Baptist Springville

Estelle Fay, Secy.

CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



*J. R. Collins Esq.,
23 North St.
Toronto -
Onto*

Dominion Observatory Ottawa
July 28. 08

Dear Sir,

Through some error in my address
I failed to get Vol. I No 3 of "The
Journal." As I should like to
keep all the numbers, if you have
a spare copy would you be good
enough to send me one.

Yours sincerely
W. E. Harper

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Aug 4 1908

My Dear Collins.

Your letter was duly received and acted on. Dr King happened to be here for a day at the time and he suggested asking Pope to look after it which I did; writing him at once I have not yet heard from him in regard to the matter.

In regard to our own fees Stewart was waiting until we got some news in before re-submitting but if you like

he can send what we have.
I will send down what
notes I can gather together
in a day or two. Presumably
you still have some printing
to do as the two papers from
here have not been long gone.

I may be stopping over
in Toronto about the end of
the month as am going
to the meeting of the
Astronomical & Astrophysical Society
at Put in Bay on Aug 25th.
If so I will try and see
you. What about the
automobile?

Yours sincerely
J. S. Planchet

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Aug. 13 1908

My Dear Collins.

I am sending by the same mail the notes for the coming number of the Journal. I got a reply from Pope the day before yesterday. He was at the seaside and suggested my applying to Boville.

So yesterday I wrote a note to him and have just been called up by phone. They are sending

you the vote which in
this case is \$2000.00. They
said there was an extra
thousand in the supplement-
aries. Did you expect this?
I gather not. and I suppose
you will be having a high
old time spending it. I
congratulate ourselves any
way on getting it.

Yours Sincerely
J. H. Pashett.

Enclosed
Registered

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

OTTAWA, ¹⁴ 15 Aug 1908

Sir:
I have the honour to send
you herewith Finance Department
cheque No 15931 on the Bank
of Montreal in favour of the
Royal Astronomical Society of
Canada for \$2000.⁰⁰ being the
amount of grant voted by
Parliament during its last session
in favour of above institution

Kindly acknowledge receipt
of cheque
I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant
Henry J. Ross
Act. Dir. F.

J. R. Collins Esq
Secretary
Royal Astronomical
Society of Canada
Toronto

BRITANNIA,
Lake of Bays.
C. R. RUMBALL.

Huntsville, Canada. Aug 18. 1908

R. M. Collins

Sec. R. A. S. C.

Toronto.

My dear Sir,

Would you very
Kindly let me know
whether there will be a
meeting of the Society on
the first Tuesday in September.

I will be on my re-
turn journey from
here about that time
and would like to
attend.

yours truly

G. B. Ward

Address Britannia
Lake of Bays
Via Huntsville. Muskoka

423 Chambers St

Peterboro'

Ont

Aug 19th '08

Mr J. R. Collins

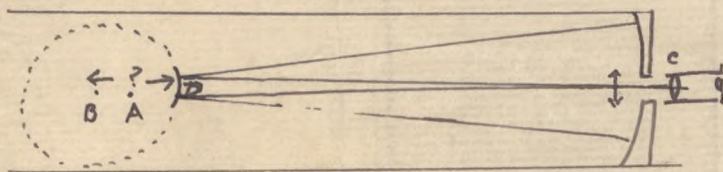
Toronto

Dear Sir:

I should be glad if you, or any of the other members of the Society could supply me with the following data necessary for the construction of a Cassegrainian telescope.

The diameter of the principle mirror is 9 inches focal length 120 inches. What should be the size of the hole to be bored in it? What should be the diameter of the small mirror and what should be the radius of the small mirror's curvature, necessary to reflect the rays to a focus two inches behind the principle mirror.

Trusting you will be able to furnish this information and thanking you in anticipation of your courtesy



- A = Focal point of big mirror
- B = Centre of curvature of small mirror D ? its diameter also
- ? distance from B to D
- C = Eyepiece 2" back of big mirror's surface.
- ? diameter of hole necessary to pass the pencil of rays

I remain

Yours faithfully S. Lowry

referred to Astronomical
book re making an telescope

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
LAWS OBSERVATORY

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI.

Sept. 7, 1908.

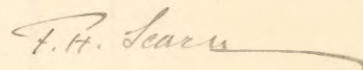
Mr. J.R.Collins,
Sec. R.A.S. of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to forward to you under separate cover copies of Nos. 2 to 16 of the Bulletins of the Laws Observatory. I regret that I can not send you a copy of No. 1, as this number is out of print.

The Laws Observatory would be pleased to receive in return copies of any publications issued by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

Very truly yours,



Professor of Astronomy and
Director Laws Observatory.

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Sept 10 1908.

My Dear Collins,

A. I. told you
yesterday we called a
meeting and discussed the
question you raised as to
the proper or rather most
suitable and desirable way
of spending the extra vote.
It seemed to be the
consensus of opinion here
that the first claim on
the money should be for
publication purposes as
that would give benefit to

members over the whole country
as well as increasing the
standing of our Society in
the astronomical world.

A second use suggested by
Dr King was, somewhat
larger grants to the weaker
centres to enable them to
hold successful meetings
and to allow them occasion-
ally to have lectures by
outside members.

In regard to our own
case at present we do
not need more than we
have been getting as our
expenses are small; but
it is likely they will
increase as we expect

to have to en-
town for our
But by the
Council will
estimates for
year we
to give a
our probab
In regard
publications
here that
time it
preferable to
size of the
rather than
monthly
difficulty will
sufficient &

the whole country
increasing the
Society in
al world.

use suggested by
somewhat

to the weaker
able than to
ful meetings
w these occasions
lectures by
whers.

to our own
resent we do
more than we
getting as our
small; but
they will
we expect

to have to engage a hall in
town for our evening papers.
But by the time the
council wish to prepare the
estimates for the coming
year we will be able
to give a definite statement
of our probable expenses.

In regard to further
publications the feeling is
here that in the mean-
time it would be
preferable to increase the
size of the bi-monthly
rather than attempt a
monthly. There might be
difficulty in securing
sufficient ^{suitable} material for the

latter and it is best at
first to go slowly.

Do you not think it
would be desirable to
print the new constitution
either in the journal or
as a separate, sent to
each member?

I would be glad to learn
what decision the Council
reaches in the matter
of expenditure. We are all,
down here, deeply interested
in the welfare of the
Society and anxious to see
it reach attain a still
higher sphere of usefulness.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
A. S. Palmer

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, 190.....

P.S. I was sorry I had to leave Toronto so suddenly but when I got a telegram that night from my wife saying she could not come down I thought it better to go right on home and so left on the ten train. I could not hear all you were telling me yesterday but expect I got the most of it. If you can come down here any time we will all be glad to see you and

my wife will take pleasure
in putting you up and
letting you be one of
the family.

Do thank to be at
the meeting tomorrow
night.

J.S.

326 Nepean St.
Ottawa

27 Sept: 1908

Dear Mr. Collins,

I hear that my
father's paper was printed
in the last issue of the
Journal of the Royal Astronomical
Society of Canada. I should
like to have three copies
& if you will let me know
what I owe you, I will
forward a remittance.

Trusting you are well, &
with kind regards

I am

yours faithfully

Frank P. Jennings.

Answer
PRC 10/08

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Sep 30 1908.

answered
Oct 4, 1908
J.H.

My Dear Collins.

Two members at the
Observatory were elected
here some months ago and
I am sure I notified you.
However they have not
received their journals
and in order to ensure
that the names are sent
in I will give them.

J. H. Labbe.

J. B. Cannon.

both at Dom. Observatory

Labbe wants the back
numbers for this year
and Cannon for this year
and last also. I told the
latter he could have the
1st volume for \$1.00 which
I think is what St Cyr
was to pay. They should
both also have the handbooks.

I will be glad if you
would have this attended
to as they have asked
me several times about it.

I saw by your last card
that you were away in
the north. I hope you
had a pleasant time.

DeLury
couple
and I
get him

into the back
for this year
on for this year
also. I told the
could have the
for \$1.00 which
what St Cyr

. They should
have the handbooks
glad if you
in this attended
have asked
times about it.

if your lost card
were away in
I hope you
pleasant time.

DeLury is to give us a
couple of lectures this term
and I hope we can
get him a good audience.

Kind regards

J. S. Plasket

326 Nepean St.

Ottawa

11 Oct: 1908

Dear Mr. Collins,

Many thanks for
your letter of the 4th inst.

If you will be kind
enough to send me some

of the reprints of my
father's paper. I will
forward them to him.

Thanking you with
Kind regards

I am yours truly

Frank P. Jennings.

Springville Oct.

Oct 12th 1908

Dear Mr Collins

Dont forget to give me plenty of notice re next Council meeting of Astro-Society. Dr M Stratton of Napanee does not get his copy of journal. And neither does Geo Hunter Bot. & Peterboro.

Enclosed you will find a very heavy Brain Storm production from a Man of world wide fame. Dont read it all at once it may cause brain Storms or a storm of brains

Yours truly
D Marsh.

P.S. We had our opening meeting on the 8th about 300. present. We had a Splendid time

D B M

KERR, DAVIDSON, PATERSON & McFARLAND,

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS &c.

TELEPHONE MAIN 608.

CABLE ADDRESS "KERRDASON" TORONTO.

23 ADELAIDE ST. EAST. (COR. VICTORIA ST.)

HON. J. K. KERR, K.C.

W. DAVIDSON, K.C.

JOHN A. PATERSON, K.C.

G. F. McFARLAND, LL.B.

Toronto, Oct. 13th, 1908

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

Dear Mr. Collins-

I have gone over the constitution of the Society and although there are some of the sentences I would have written in a different way and presented in a different form, I do not think we could re-arrange it now. It is too late now to make any changes because such changes in all fairness would have to be sent to Ottawa and I shrink from doing anything to open up the matter now after it has been closed. We will just have to do the best we can and take it as it is.

If I were asked to specify particulars I would say that Article 6 of the Constitution, 2nd Paragraph might be improved and Article 4 of the By-Laws, 2nd paragraph. As to Article 8 I do not see the use of the word "recommendation." On the whole I think we will have to let it stand.

Yours truly,

John A. Paterson

Recd

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Oct 21 1908

My Dear Collins

Your P.C. just received. Am sorry I am holding back the printer and will try and not offend again. But I will lay it on Chant. He asked me to write up a report of the A & S. meeting and it is a regular big bear to me. I don't

mind writing paper & technical
matter half so much as
a few lines of the other
stuff and I have kept
putting off the evil day.

When I told Klotz he
said why the other number
is just out. And that
is true. It is only two
or three weeks since we
had it.

The stuff will be down
to you in a day or two
and hurrying to all I

care,
Yours ever
J.P.

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA,

~~Ottawa~~ Nov 18 1908

My Dear Collins.

I see in the minutes
of one of your meetings an
announcement in regard to
back numbers of Journal
& of publications.

If you can would you
kindly send me the
following numbers of the Journal
as I am short of these

1 copy	Vol 1	No 1
2 "	" 1	" 2
2 "	" 1	" 3
1 "	" 2	" 3

I have your publications
for 1902-3 and 1905.

If there are any others you
can spare I would be glad
to get them in order to have
as complete a set as possible.

One of our Staff, Christie,
proposes to join shortly and
wants to obtain the numbers
of Volume I & II. Can
he obtain them for
1.00 per volume?

How are things going in
Toronto? Haven't seen you
in Ottawa yet. Is the
auto going alright now.

Kind regards to all the
people and with best

of them for you

Will you please
following chair

W.S. McElhan
to 119 8th

Edwin Stewart
to Room 509

L.R. Voligny from
Room 324

publications

and 1905.

any others you
would be glad
in order to have
set as possible.

Staff, Christie,
in shortly and
tain the numbers

& II. Can

see for
me?

things going in
but seen you
yet. Is the
allright now.

to all the
with best

of them for yourself.

Yours Sincerely
J-S Plunkett.

Will you please make the
following changes & address.

W.S. McElhanney from Audit Office
to 119 8th Av. Vancouver

Elmer Stewart from Interior Dept
to Room 509 Coristine Bldg, ~~Buffalo~~
Montreal

L.R. Voligny from 10 Somerset St W
Room 324 Federal Bldg, Buffalo, N.Y.

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Nov 27 1908

Dear Mr Collins

Enclosed return of proofs.

Permit me to say that your proofs are the best it has been my good fortune to read.

Oh! that our Printing Bureau could furnish such

Plates have as usual 100 copies with cover for me. - the cover

"The Forty-Ninth Parallel"

by

OTTO KLOTZ LL.D., F.R.A.S.

Sincerely

Otto Klotz

Yours devotedly, my acceptance,

Ok.

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, 28th November, 1908.

B.

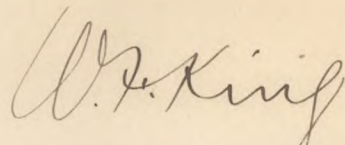
J. R. Collins, Esq.,
Secretary
Royal Astronomical Society,
23 North Street,
Toronto,
Ont.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant enclosing list of nominations made by the Council. I think the list a very good one, though I note that you have not nominated a Curator (Art 4 of the Constitution). There being eight nominations for Council and only six places, two must be left, for which I am sorry, since they are all good men, to the best of my knowledge.

If there is no objection, I should like to submit the list to our Annual Meeting, which takes place on Dec. 3rd. Perhaps someone will want to make additional nominations. I note that you do not require the added names until Dec. 12th.

Yours very truly,



Chief Astronomer.

326 Nepean St.

Ottawa

1 Dec 1908

Dear Mr. Collins

I am much obliged
to you for your card received
on Saturday & for the "Reprints"
to hand to-day. It is
very good of you to offer to send
another bundle of the paper
to my father, & I am sure he
will be very pleased: his
address is

S. Jennings Esq. F.L.S.

248 Gillott Road

Edgbaston

Birmingham

England.

I know he will be interested
to hear that the article has
been noted. & to open
correspondence with any person
who cares to write to him
concerning it.

A book is now in print
dealing with the subject
I have a copy which I shall
be glad to lend you, if you
care to review it. At present
it is lent to a friend of mine,
but as soon as I get it
back I will forward it.

I have not had a journal
for some time. At one
time I thought of sending in
my resignation but am not
sure whether I did so or not.

at all events, as I am now
fairly settled here I shall
be pleased to pay up my
arrear of subscription if I
have any.

I shall be much interested
to hear of any discussion that
the article may arouse. I
suppose it will appear in the
Journal.

Thanking you again

I am

Yours truly

Frank. P. Jennings.

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA,

Dec 1, 1908

My Dear Collin

Return list amended
so far as we know here.
I want to say that some
of those whose names are
down have never paid us
a cent and they I think
should be immediately cut
off. Stewart will send you
statement when things are
turned over to your treasurer
and I wish him luck
with some of them.

I suppose however you have
the same trouble at Toronto.

You didn't tell me what
would be asked for Volumes
I & II of the Journal for
members joining at beginning
of the year.

I don't know that any
of us want to take advantage
of that provision of the
constitution that we so
strongly urged, the privilege
of nomination but if so
it will be done after our
annual meeting. ~~at~~ Dec 3

I have a report of the work
at Ottawa to write before
that date and will send

you a copy
use. Though
get most of
from our
Journal.

Collins doubt
Council should
should, not
Dr King a
comes much
than that a
more in the

My opinion
is that it
not be, light
be a title
and dignity
that the
only be for

never you have
trouble at Toronto.

Tell me what
needed for Volumes
the Journal for
running at beginning

know that any
to take advantage
vision of the

that we so
d, the privilege
is but if so
done after our
meeting. ~~at~~ Dec 3
report of the work
to write before
and will send

you a copy on for Missions
use. Though I guess he could
get most of the information
from our minutes in the
Journal.

Collins doubt you think the
Council should, or someone
should, move in making
Dr King a Fellow? It would
come much better from Toronto
than that anyone here should
move in the matter.

My opinion of the Fellowship
is that it should certainly
not be lightly given but should
be a title carrying some weight
and dignity with it and
that the nomination should
only be for cause as it stands

in the constitution. But in
the case of Dr King there is
no question of the fitness of the
appointment and I would like
to see it done soon.

With kind regards to everyone

Yours Sincerely
J. S. Plaskett.

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY,

Ottawa, Canada, 4th December, 1908.

C.

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

Dear Mr. Collins,

Our Annual Meeting was held last night, and officers elected for the coming year. Dr. Klotz is "Chairman".

I informed the members present that under the new Constitution it was the right of any five members to make a nomination to any office of the Society, and read the list of the Council nominations. No one however seemed to think this list could be improved upon, and I fancy no nominations will come from here.

I think I am a corresponding member by election some years ago. Under the new constitution corresponding members consist only of persons, duly elected, who live outside of Canada. My name must therefore be taken out of the list of corresponding members. As Honorary President however I am an Honorary member (during my term of office) and therefore I shall have no vote at the coming election.

Yours truly,

W. F. King

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA,

Dec 10 1908

me
My Dear Collins.

I have just received your letter and hasten to give you a pointer in regard to the fellowships you talk of conferring. I think like yourself that it would be extremely undesirable to create too many at once and, although I frankly tell you I think I am entitled to one, I would be quite willing to wait rather than as you say cheapen the

P.S. Many thanks for the information about the early issues and also for the back numbers you were so kind as to have sent me. J.H.

honor.

If you are going to confer
four then I strongly urge you
to give the fourth to Stewart
and let Harper wait.

Stewart has been here
much longer than Harper
has done much more
original work, not all of it
being published and is
head and shoulders above
Harper in originality and
in mathematical and
experimental ability.

Harper is working for me
and I appreciate to the
full his ability his energy
and industry and yet
I feel strongly that it would

very unjust to
a fellow at
as Stewart.

Stewart's own
observations in
investigation of the
and although
and is doing
he has not
the originality

So far as
R.A.S. are
formation here
Stewart and
we have done
any other in
etc.

I trust that
lay what I
the Council

going to confer
I strongly urge you
to write to Stewart
Harper wait.

to be here
than Harper
much more
k, not all, it
ed and is
shoulders above
originality and
natural and
ability.

working for me
associate to the
ability his energy
try and yet
ly that it would

very unjust to even make him
a fellow at the same time
as Stewart. That work of
Stewart on the Errors of Transit
Observations is a piece of invest-
igation of the highest grade,
and although Harper has done
and is doing splendid work
he has not as yet shown
the originality of Stewart.

So far as services to the
R.A.S.E. are concerned the
formation here was due to
Stewart and myself and
we have done more than
any others in looking up papers
etc.

I trust that you will
lay what I have said before
the Council for although I

chant tomorrow. with kind regards
from Miss Stewart

would not like it to become known here there is no objection to having the respective merits known where they should be.

Although I would naturally be inclined to favor Harper as doing such good work for me yet knowing the two men I would strongly urge you to let Harper wait until next time. He certainly should be the next one favored here but not until after Stewart.

I am waiting for my minutes to be typewritten and will send them down immediately they are completed. I will send the written M.S. of my notes to

667 Broadway Ave
Brook. Dec. 13th 08

Dr. Friend:

I am sorry today
that I am unable to attend
the meetings of the Astro-
-nomical Society.

Please take my
name off the list of
members

Yours Truly

R. Abbott,

To
J. H. Collins Esq

Secretary.

198 College St.
I enclose with the ballot paper 40
M22

Mr Collins

my address is
433 not 435 Indian Road,
Please make change to
prevent miscarriage of letters
Yours truly

Samuel Baker

Dec 14 1908.

letter to Jan 22
RC

Toronto, Dec. 12, 1908

IN accordance with the following Article of the Constitution, the names put in nomination by the Council, appear on the accompanying ballot paper, with blank spaces for the entry of other names in substitution, should the voter wish to exercise that right.

Each member is requested to mark an X opposite the names on the ballot paper, for which they vote, and to sign the printed return envelope containing same, to me at as early a date as possible.

In no case is the voter to sign the ballot.

J. R. COLLINS,
Secretary.

198 College St., Toronto.

ARTICLE VI. OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE Officers named in Article IV., and the six additional elective members of the Society who serve on the Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society.

An official ballot paper shall be sent to each member one calendar month prior to the annual meeting. Each such ballot paper shall contain one or more names proposed by the Council, for each vacancy, as well as the names of any who may have been nominated by five members in good standing at least two weeks before the issue of the ballot papers; with blank spaces in which the voter may substitute other names; and to be valid the envelope containing the ballot must, when returned, bear the signature of the voter and must be received by the Secretary before the time of closing the poll at the annual meeting.

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, Dec. 16. 1908.

J. R. Collins, Esq.
Secy R. S. C.
Ottawa.

Dear Sir. - Please find enclosed
marked ballot paper for the year 1909.
The envelope was addressed to my home
address, Troy, Ontario, and forwarded from
there. As I am now in Ottawa I should
like to have my membership transferred
from the Toronto to the Ottawa society, after
the close of this year. Will you kindly send
the journal, and any communications
in future to address below, and oblige.
Wishing you all the compliments of the
Season. I am, Your truly,

W. Harold Parker,
Dom. Observatory,
Ottawa.

Mended by
Jan 22
R.P.

Department of the Interior,

THE OBSERVATORY,

OTTAWA, 19th Dec 1908

Dear Mr. Collins

I am in receipt of your card calling the meeting for next Tuesday. I shall not be able to be present. I do not know of any matter which should be brought up.

It has been pointed out to me that on the ballot paper you have not given me my "Order", and I would ask you in future to give me my C.M.G. It should, of course, come first after the name, and may be followed by the L.D., if you like. Further letters are hardly necessary.

Yours very truly
W. F. King

St. Mary's, Ont
Dec. 22nd 08

Mr. J. R. Collins.

Sec. Royal Astronomical Society
198 College St. Toronto.

Dear Sir -

I have been asked to give a lecture to the Canadian Club of this town on the Labrador trip and the Eclipse Expedition on Tuesday evening of next week (Dec 29th). I would like to illustrate it with those lantern views which I presume are in the possession of the Society. If you can send them to me at my expense before that date I should be obliged if you would let me know as soon as possible.

I am writing to Dr. Chant to try and borrow a lantern for me. If the Society had a lantern it would care to loan for such an occasion I should be doubly obliged. The electric circuit is 110 volts alternating current.

I remain yours sincerely
W. Percy Fear.

237 John St, South
Hamilton Ont
31 Dec: 1908

Dear Mr Collins,

Yours with enclosures to hand
I have just spoken to our Secretary Mr E A Darling
regarding filling in the names of those living in Hamilton
who are now members of the parent Society, & this is
the position we find ourselves to be in. Out of the
five mentioned at the Council Meeting on 22nd inst,
one of them (Miss Walker) is now living in the States,
& another, Father Brady, says he asked your Secretary
sometime ago to take his name off so this reduces
the number to three, & two of these tell me they
are not quite sure whether they are in good standing
or not, so we are apparently left with only one there
is no question about. It appears to me we are
therefore very much like the "ten little niggers" ^(who) went
"out to dine", you know the sequel. Now it would
seem to Mr Darling & myself that under these
circumstances your Council may, when these facts
are made known, take another view of the situation;
& so that we can start our Hamilton Centre on
a proper basis & to conform with the Constitution

agree to elect the 35 names submitted as members. When this is done all of these could then petition you to form a Hamilton Centre, & your granting their request they would be empowered to elect officers & transact any other business required. Some of us here feel it is hardly proper for one, or at most three of our local people, to be empowered to elect all the others, as well as the new officers. Now, however, since we have informed you of the position of affairs we are quite agreeable to abide by whatever your Council say in the matter. I have written in the same strain to D. Murdoch, & asked him to bring the case before the President again. You may also kindly explain how things stand to any members of your Council (present the other night) when next you see any of them.

With kindest regards wishing you & all friends at 23 a happy & prosperous new year.
Yours very sincerely
G. Parry Jenkins

237 John St, South

Hamilton Can

6 Jan'y 1909.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I was very glad to receive your letter yesterday, & to find you had now fixed up matters for the Hamilton Centre with your Council. There is no question this course is the better one to adopt.

A few of us with our "wives & sweethearts" will be with you at Victoria College on Tuesday evening next. The three blank invitation cards just to hand I have mailed to Mr. Adam Brown our Postmaster, good friend, Mr. William Bruce our Vice President, & the other to Mr. A. J. Neill of the City Hall our new Treasurer.

One of our prospective members on the List (which by the way I sent to Dr. Marsh) has since been elected Mayor of our City, John J. McLaren. Will you kindly send him an invitation & address him in his official capacity.

Yours very truly
G. Parry Jenkins

Answered Jan 10/09