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HALIFAX CENTRE

JULY 1961

JULY MEETING NOTICE: The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Halifax Centre, will hold a public viewing night on the evening of July 20, 1961, at 9:30 pm in the "HORSE FIELD" at the westerly end of Jubilee Road and Connaught Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend and those who have telescopes please bring them along. Also please bring along your friends.

Providing weather conditions are such that viewing is impossible on the evening of July 20th. we will meet on the evening of July 21st.

METEOR GROUP: The Meteor Group will meet on the morning of July 28/29 at 1:00 am. to observe the Delta Aquarius meteor shower. Approximately 20 meteors per hour should be observed.

The Meteor Group will also meet on the morning of August 11/12 at 1:00 am. to observe the Perseids meteor shower. A single observer hourly rate should be approximately 50.

Both meetings will take place at the Nova Scotia Museum of Science, Spring Garden Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

For further information please contact Group Leader, Mr Jim McGuigan, 37 Bellevue Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Telephone 422-3259.

AURORA GROUP: Aurora occurred on the night of July 4/5 and Mr Harold Curran reported sighting it in the Halifax area. Naked-eye sunspots were reported during the week of July 2, 1961. A large naked-eye sunspot has been visible since July 10, 1961, and can be seen with proper viewing equipment.

MINUTES OF NATIONAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 2, 1961

APPENDIX "B"

STATEMENT OF POLICY OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Society renders valuable service to Astronomy by publishing an international journal and, in so doing, has assumed certain responsibilities. Our JOURNAL represents to the world astronomical activity in Canada. Indeed it is for this reason, primarily, that the Government of Canada makes a substantial annual grant to the Society and that the Dominion Observatories and the Universities effectively subsidize the publication. Therefore we must make sure that the JOURNAL continues its long tradition of publishing astronomical discoveries and original researches. The JOURNAL, furthermore, must be of value to the non-professional member who is not concerned with the technical details of research but wishes to be informed on astronomical progress and activity. The two aims can be achieved only by a careful selection of the material to be published.

To accomplish the above aims, a policy was adopted when the JOURNAL was founded and this policy has been followed by the Editors. The present Editorial Committee feels that a statement of general policy will be of interest and value to all members and this is set forth in the following paragraphs.

1. Material submitted for publication is accepted subject to the approval of the Editor in consultation with the Committee. In cases of doubt the Editor is empowered to have a paper referred by an expert in the subject. Standards of printing, illustrations, and style, of an international journal impose certain limitations which may require the author to agree to revisions.
2. Subject to the conditions in (1) above, the following types of papers will be acceptable:
 - (a) Research papers in Astronomy and closely related topics. Such papers should place emphasis upon methods and results and, as far as possible, should exclude long tabulations of measurements and extensive calculations;
 - (b) Non-technical articles and reviews of astronomical progress. These should be authoritative, of general appeal and contain a minimum of highly-specialized material;
 - (c) Brief reports of original observations and new scientific projects undertaken by members.
3. The Committee welcomes the submission by all members, professional and nonprofessional alike, of material of the kind described in the above paragraphs.

All such articles will be considered carefully by the Editor and the Committee, for publication in the JOURNAL. In making the selection and in encouraging submission of articles they will make every reasonable effort to achieve the two aims referred to earlier. The Committee considers that the Editor can continue to produce issues of high standard and general

appeal only with the support and participation of the members of the Society.

May 23, 1961.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST:

THE FACE OF THE SUN by H. W. Newton. This is a Pelican book published by Richard Clay & Company, Limited, Bungay, Suffolk, England, and may be purchased at the BOOK ROOM, Limited, 54 Granville Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

ASTRONOMY WITH AN OPERA GLASS by Garrett P. Serviss, revised by Edwin Bridgen of the Montreal Centre, The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. This book may be purchased for \$3.95 from Around-The-World-Shoppers Club, 811 Chatham Street, Montreal 3, Quebec.

PRACTICAL ASTRONOMY by W. Schroeder. This is an excellent publication for the amateur astronomer and may be purchased at the BOOK ROOM.

WISHES TO PURCHASE USED TELESCOPE: Mr Larle K. Kennedy wishes to purchase a 6 inch reflector telescope and would like to hear from any member who has one for sale. Please write direct to Mr Kennedy at

6-A Admiral Street,
Charlottetown,
Prince Edward Island.