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As you may know, the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is starting a national observation programme in an effort to bring the different Centres in closer touch with each other, and to try to centralize observation reports. Co-ordinators have been selected for different fields of work and I am in charge of the Comet and Nova Section.

The exact procedure used in the Comet and Nova programme will be sent to your Centre later, but in general this programme would include the systematic search for and observation of comets and novae. What I would like to know from you is - has your Centre done any work on Comets and Novae, and if not, would it be interested in taking part? If the Centre has been doing work in this field, please let me know what methods of observing and reporting are used.

Perhaps you could let the members of your Centre know about this programme. Tell them there is always a chance of gaining fame by discovering a comet or nova, and that if there is a large number of observers across Canada, the chances are that a few must make discoveries.

To prevent too many people corresponding directly with me, would your Centre please appoint one person to take charge of comets and novae there. All reports should be given to him for forwarding to me.

I hope your Centre will be interested in this type of observation and that I will hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely, Jim Low

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