

THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
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Dear Member:

The National Council would like to inform you at this time of the plans for the next General Assembly of the R.A.S.C.

We have accepted the kind invitation of the Edmonton Centre to hold the General Assembly in Edmonton, Alberta, during the holiday weekend of May 18 and 19, 1962. The details of the programme have not been worked out as yet but, as in recent years, there will be a session for papers presented by members and the presidential address will be given by the retiring President.

This is the first time the General Assembly will be held in western Canada and a substantial representation of members from both the east and the west will insure its success. Now is the time to do some advance planning about making the trip.

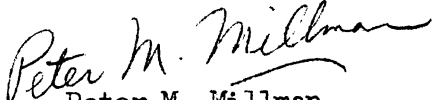
At Edmonton we will have the opportunity of seeing the new Queen Elizabeth Planetarium which was opened recently as Canada's first civic planetarium. At Calgary there is the famous park of life-size dinosaur models located in St. George's Island Zoological Gardens. Although some of the larger hotels in the Rockies do not open until June, I have been informed by the National Parks Department in Ottawa that plenty of accommodation is available in May at the smaller hotels and motels in all the large parks. The mountains are much more scenic at this season of the year owing to the presence of more snow.

Dr. C. S. Beals, the Dominion Astronomer, has mentioned to me that members of the R.A.S.C. are welcome to visit any of the western observatories which are operated by the Government of Canada. These include:-

The Meanook Meteor Observatory, Athabasca, Alberta
The Newbrook Meteor Observatory, Newbrook, Alberta
The Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory, Penticton, B.C.
The Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, R.R.No.7, Victoria, B.C.

Although not essential, it would be advisable to write to the Director or officer in charge of these observatories which you plan to visit, giving the probable time of your arrival.

I am looking forward to meeting a large number of you at Edmonton next year. Let us make the 1962 General Assembly one that will stand as a mile post in the history of the R.A.S.C.


Peter M. Millman
National President

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