

On the 24th January, 1900, the Chief Astronomer asked the Deputy to put \$8,000 in the estimates for a 12-inch equatorial. On February 19, 1900, the Chief Architect sent to the Chief Astronomer a sketch of the proposed observatory.

In the latter part of February the Chief Astronomer visited Cleveland and Allegheny re instruments.

On March 5, 1900, Warner & Swasey, of Cleveland, submitted an estimate of 12-inch telescope and many accessories for \$9,085. On April 18, 1900, an astronomic clock for \$550 was ordered from the E. Howard Watch & Clock Co., Boston, and subsequently placed (for uniform temperature) in the basement of the Supreme Court building.

What equipment we had in our old wooden observatory on Cliff Street, is found from the following list, made on the removal of the instruments on the night of the big fire in Hull and Ottawa, April 26, 1900: 2 switchboards, 1 watch chronometer; 1 old chronometer, No. 81; 1 new Dent chronometer; striding level in case; old and new Cooke transits; galvanometer; relays; chronograph; Siemens switchboard, and instrument lamps.

During this year, 1900, astronomic work was resumed and Rose Point, Owen Sound, Chalk River, Vancouver, Rayside and Wilno were occupied, and connected in longitude with Ottawa. On Nov. 6, 1900, a complete magnetic field outfit, for the contemplated magnetic survey of Canada under the direction of the Chief Astronomer, was ordered for 1,400 marks from Tesdorpf, Stuttgart.

On February 14, 1901, the Deputy informed the Chief Astronomer, with reference to the observatory, that the Minister was inclined to think that "it is very doubtful if anything will be done this year." However, later an item of \$15,000 appeared in the estimates.

March 11, 1901, Chief Astronomer to J. A. Brashear, saying, "Sorry; observatory scheme fallen through for the present."

May 22, 1901, J. C. Grant to Minister, offering 7 acres along the Rideau—Salisbury Avenue—at \$3,000 an acre for observatory site. It may be stated that the Chief Astronomer and the