

ECLIPSES DURING THE YEAR 1878.

During this year there will be four Eclipses, viz-Two of the Sun and Two of the Moon.

I -On the 2nd of February there will be an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, but not visible in these parts.

II .- On the 17th February there will be a partial Eclipse of the moon, and partly visible. Begins at Halifax, N. S., 4h. 27m. in the morning, and at Montreal 3h. 47m. It will end at Helifax 9h. 26m., and at Montreal 8h. 46m.

III .- On the 29th of July there will be a total Eclipse of the Sun, visible in North America as a partial Eclipse. It begins on the Earth 3h. 4m. evening, mean time at Halifax in Longtitude 144° 50' east of Greenwich, and Latitude 41° 21' north. Central Eclipse begins at 4h. 10m. evening in Longtitude 117º 42' east, and Latitude 54° 14' north. Ends on the Earth 8h. 1m. evening in Longtitude 69° 45' west, and Latitude 3° 37 north. This Eclipse begins at Halifax about 5h. 30m. evening, and at Montreal about 5h. 10m. The greatest observations will occur a few minutes before the setting of the Sun.

IV .- On the 12th of August there will be a partial Eclipse of the Moon, and it will be visible in part. In Halifax, it begins in the evening at 5h. 8m., and in Montreal at 4h. 37m. The moon rises about 7 o'clock, and the last contact with the shadow will be about 9.

A transit of Mercury will occur on the 6th of May. It will be visible between 11 in the morning and 7 in the evening.

EQUINOXES AND SOLSTICES FOR 1878.

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h. m. Vernal Equinox, March 20th ... 3 37 mo. | Autumnal Equinox, Sep. 23rd ... 2 20 mo.