

V. METEOROLOGICAL AND MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY.

The Basement of the Building is devoted entirely to the observations on Terrestrial Magnetism.

The Ground Story and Leads are the portion of the Building devoted to Meteorological observations.

The Transit tower is for the purpose of giving time to the City, and to the Ships in the Harbour, and is connected by Electric Telegraph with a "Time Ball" at the wharf. Connection by Electric Telegraph having also been established between the Observatory and the Government Buildings at Ottawa, mean time is transmitted daily at noon, and made known there by the firing of a Cannon.

The principal Meteorological Instruments are:--Thermometers for determining the Temperature of the Air; Barometers for ascertaining the atmospheric pressure; Psychrometers for the purpose of determining the Elastic force of Aqueous Vapour, the relative Humidity and Dew Point; Instruments for recording the Solar and Terrestrial Radiation; Rain and Snow Gauges for indicating the amount and duration of Rain and Snow; Ozonometer for recording the amount of Ozone.

The direction and velocity of the wind are registered by a modification of Dr. Robinson's Anemometer.

Observations on Storms, Auroras, Haloes and other Natural Phenomena which mark the variation of Climate are duly recorded.

The Instruments in the Basement of the Building are for determining the Magnetic Elements; and consist of, [1] a Declinometer for measuring the Declination or Variation of the Magnet; [2] a unifilar Magnetometer consisting of an apparatus for deflection and vibration, for ascertaining the horizontal Magnetic force; [3] an Inclinator or Dip-needle [No. 30 used in the Magnetic Survey in Great Britain] for showing the Inclination or Dip. From these observations are reduced the absolute values of the Magnetic Elements.

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