

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES—CANADA.

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE,
CENTRAL OFFICE, TORONTO.

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In view of our hesitation in asking for extensive alterations and additions to an antiquated institution on an unsuitable site no complaints are made of immediate condition of the equipment.

For the support of the staff however, the funds are continually deficient.

Our estimates for the staff, as at present are :-

Superintendent....	\$1000	annually.
Time Clerk.....	\$ 600	" "
Weather "	\$ 600	" "
Office Girl.....	\$ 840	" "

The superintendent, for personal reasons has found it wise to add the time clerk to relieve himself of a routine chore that demanded the surrender of all liberty. The necessity of having this assistance was always admitted, but whether the estimate will be approved is as yet uncertain.

The question of residence does not enter, as the Superintendent engineer of the University now has the privileges of the residence, and the writer rents his quarters in the building from the University

Having in mind the purpose for which the residence formerly stood, the writer applied for it, offering a reasonable rental, but no action being taken on his proposal for three months, he withdrew it and dismissed the subject.