

## Victoria--The City Beautiful

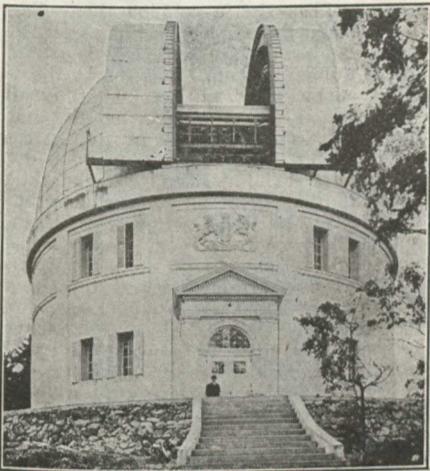
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Cormorant and Pandora. There is a richness of lore that is just hinted at in these inscriptions.

### The Observatory

PERHAPS the real "show piece" of Victoria is its Observatory—one of the finest in the world. Tests were made all over the continent with a view to finding the perfect location—where the least variations in temperature were recorded and where the atmosphere assured the maximum steadiness and clearness. The site on Little Saanich Mountain provided the most ideal conditions and there, perched seven hundred and twenty-three feet above sea level, the fine, white Observatory flashes out, a beacon of pride to all Victoria.

The immediate marvel of the great telescope will interest you according to your natural inclinations. If your knowledge of astronomy begins and ends with the finding of the North Star by the Great Dipper, you will like best to hear how the telescope's great lens, which is seventy-two inches wide and weighs four thousand pounds was cast in Belgium, and was received by the Canadian Government just three days before the Germans entered



Dominion Government Observatory on Little Saanich Mountain, Victoria, B.C.

Liege. You will like to picture a small motor car driving through the tube—it would be quite possible.

And the construction of both the great telescope and its ingenious house will not fail to thrill you. The big dome roof can, at the touch of a button, be revolved on wheels so that the huge shutters which are opened to permit of observations being made, will be brought directly opposite the telescope, which has been trained on the object to be observed.

The same magic can be wrought on the telescope itself. It will swing with perfect freedom in any and all directions. Electrically operated platforms make it accessible in any position.

Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, for some years active in the Victoria and Island Development Association, says, in a descriptive pamphlet:

"When it is desired to photograph any particular star, it is first found by one of the three small telescopes fitted on the outer shell of the large one. The telescope is then trained on it. The clockwork is set in motion which causes the telescope to revolve at exactly the same rate of speed at which the earth is revolving only in the opposite direction, and the shutter of the camera is withdrawn."

Again, he gently pricks the desires of the student of astronomy when he says:

"In the Victoria instrument the method of observation is reversed. The light rays are collected by the concave 72-inch lens, which is converted into a mirror by its surface being silvered, and reflects those rays of light to a single point to form an image in the upper end of the telescope, that is, the end nearest the object. If a photograph of the object is desired, a camera is placed at the upper end of the telescope, where the rays of light converge, and a photograph is obtained in the ordinary way. It takes about six hours to properly expose a plate to get this picture.

"If, however, an observation only is required, then a flat mirror is inserted at the place where the camera would be, on an angle of 45 degrees, and the observer looks at this glass through an eyepiece inserted at the upper end of the telescope, at right angles to the tube."

So whether the visitor be a "savant" or "tourist"—in the most flagrant and flip-pant application of the word—the Victoria Observatory offers rich inducements. Two hours will serve for the trip to the eyrie on Little Saanich and will allow a half-hour's visit at the Observatory.

And to-morrow, there will be other jaunts, afield or close at home. And always, there will be pleasant things to do, pleasant places to enjoy, pleasant people to give just one more pleasant impression of their queenly little city.

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