

Besides being at present the largest telescope in operation, this instrument in optical and mechanical perfection, in convenience and speed of operating, is, in my opinion, unequalled in the world. Canada is to be congratulated on the enterprise which led to the construction and completion, under difficult circumstances of this instrument, a telescope more than twice as large as in any other national observatory, and one from which great advances in astronomical science may be expected. It is in such additions to the cause of pure scientific research that the real progress of a country may be truly judged and if, as has been often said, the degree of civilization of a nation is measured by its support of Astronomy, Canada takes high rank and all Canadians should be proud of the position their country has taken and now holds in astronomical research.

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