

The Astrophysical Observatory

At a distance of eight miles from Victoria is Observatory Hill, with an elevation of 732 feet. Here is situated the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory with its great 72-inch Reflecting Telescope. The latter is housed in a 66-foot dome, a conspicuous object for many miles around. The Victoria District was chosen on account of its large proportion of working nights, and its unusually clear atmospheric conditions, giving "good seeing." The choice has already been justified by important scientific work done with the great telescope.