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Toronto

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Clare Esq

Secretary to

of Proposed Astronomical Society

Sir

I have to acknowledge your
circular inviting me to a meeting
to be held at the Mechanics Institute
for the organization of an Astronomical Society.

After thinking over the matter I have
come to the conclusion that instead of
forming a separate Society it would be
better that those gentlemen whose tastes
lead them to astronomical pursuits
should become members of the Canadian

Institute, at whose meetings and in
the pages of whose journals the
communication of any new astronomical
fact would be sure to meet with a
cordial welcome.

If their astronomical discoveries
should prove to be sufficiently numerous
& important it might become
expedient hereafter to form an
Astronomical Section of the Canadian
Institute, as there already is a Medical
Section; or indeed it might be necessary

to establish a separate society; but
my fear is that if a society with
such a title were to be started now
it would lead to disappointment.

Believe me

Yours truly

G. F. Knepton