

Objects in Sky Not Meteorites

OPINION OF GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER

Commenting on a report from Port Augusta that several men working in the yard at the Commonwealth Railways workshops at about 9 a.m. on Wednesday of last week, had seen five strang egg shaped objects in formation, pass across the sky at a height of about 6,000 feet, the Government Astronomer (Mr. G. F. Dodwell) said that the phenomenon did not fit in with anything astronomical and was a complete mystery to him.

Mr. Dodwell discounted the probability of the objects being meteorites. He said that meteorites, being very small, and travelling at such high speeds, did not cast shadows, whereas the objects which passed over Port Augusta did. The presence of falling meteorites would have been accompanied by a deafening roar.