

The number of visits paid to the Gallery during the past three years has been as follows :—

	1883.	1882.	1881.
Members (free)	9017	10498	4857
Free visitors on Saturdays	4773	5062	2474
Non-members at 25c.	1929	1940	1317
During the Provincial Exhibition at 10c.	nil.	1839	2350
Total visits	15719	19339	10998

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the Council desire to express their belief that the position of the Association is yearly becoming more assured, and that it is winning its way with the more enlightened portion of the community. At the same time, much remains to be done before it can be worthy of the object for which it was founded, and of a city so large and so wealthy as Montreal. It should be borne in mind that no such organization as ours can really prosper unless it keeps pace with the progress of art and art-culture. To attain this result fresh pictures must be constantly added to the Gallery. The necessary supply of such works cannot depend on the uncertain generosity of occasional benefactors, but should be defrayed out of the funds of the Association. As art, if living, is ever advancing, a society intended to promote and encourage it must never rest satisfied with past efforts, but must be continually aiming at wider fields of enterprise, more perfect appliances, and fresh treasures of artistic excellence. It is therefore to be regretted that the number of ordinary members of the Association falls rather below that of last year. The educational benefits which can be conferred by such an association are manifold, and it is to be hoped that its membership will yearly increase, and its area of usefulness be ever extending.

On behalf of the Council,

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