

Mr. Thomas then read a letter from Mr. J. H. R. Molson to Canon Norman, in reply to a letter from Canon Norman on behalf of the Council suggesting that a modification might be made in the terms, so as to have the gallery open in the afternoon and not during the time of divine services. Mr. Molson, in his letter pointed out that this was a mixed community, comprising Catholics, Protestants, Jews and various denominations, and his hope was that the Art Gallery would be for the benefit and instruction of all. He referred to his experience of the opening of the Art Galleries in Europe on the Sabbath, and believed that they did much good in affording places of innocent amusement and instruction to the poorer class of the inhabitants, and declined to accept the suggestions of the Council as to the conditions of the donation.

Mr. Thomas Workman seconded the motion.

Hon. Judge Mackay paid a high tribute of praise to Mr. Molson, but objected to the acceptance of this \$10,000 "because it would force us into a breach of God's Commandments, and the one which especially commences with the word "remember."

If we came to make of the Sabbath a day like week days, we destroyed the home and the influence of parents over their children, and we let loose on society a lot of people who would by their misconduct disgrace us.

If we open our places of amusement on Sunday, our Sunday Schools would dwindle to nothing, and the example once set would lead to Sunday excursions on steamboats and Sunday skating rinks." From the less lofty point of view, the financial question, he believed it would be inadvisable to accept Mr. Molson's \$10,000.

If this condition were agreed upon, the persons who contributed money and works of Art in the past would shut up their purse strings in future. He calculated that they would get 4 per cent, on the \$10,000, which would amount to \$400 a year. It would cost \$250 to keep the gallery open on Sundays, and at least one hundred subscribers, at \$5 a year, would withdraw from the Association, from which fact he argued that the acceptance of the donation would end in a financial loss.