

Art Association of Montreal.

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The year 1892 is notable in the history of the Association for two important events, namely The Tempest Bequest and the erection of the new addition to the Gallery.

The late Mr. J. W. Tempest for many years a Governor and Councillor and always a kind friend to the Association, whose death occurred in March last, has by his last act of generosity perpetuated his name as a benefactor of Art, and the influence of his gift in its cause will be felt not only in this City but in the whole Dominion. Besides his valuable collection of sixty paintings and water-colours valued at twenty thousand dollars which he has given to the Association, he has created a trust fund of about seventy thousand dollars the income from which, after paying an annuity of one thousand dollars, is to be invested in pictures for the Gallery. The Council will therefore have at their disposal for this purpose in the mean time about two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per annum.

As foreshadowed in last year's report and fully explained in the President's speech at the Annual Meeting, the question of procuring the necessary funds to build an addition to the present building was taken in hand early in the year. The success met with was such as to justify the Council in accepting plans and giving contracts for the building now approaching completion, at a total cost of about \$45,000. The sum of \$16,500 has already been subscribed and a loan of \$20,000 provided for, leaving a balance of \$8,500 which