

"Moreover, it placed its picture galleries within the reach of all.

"Every one has not hundreds of thousands of dollars to afford himself the luxury of a painting by a master in the art, but what cannot be done individually can be accomplished by means of an association.

"Now the law allows societies of this kind to make distributions of paintings and drawings, by lot. Any distribution by lot among the members or ticket holders of any incorporated society established for the encouragement of art, of any paintings, drawings, or other works of art, produced by the labour of the members of, or published by or under the direction of such incorporated society. (Federal Statutes.)

"The society, from time to time, makes such distributions, to the success of which the public will no doubt be eager to contribute for the paltry sum of 10 cents. Each subscriber is given a scrip which not only entitles him to compete in the distribution, but will also give him the privilege to purchase paintings at a reduction of 5 per cent. on the prices fixed by the society, should the holder of such scrip come out with a blank in the drawing.

"The holder of a scrip entitling him to one or more paintings has the privilege to make himself the choice of his paintings. For instance, a person to the lot of whom falls a \$2,000 painting will not only have the choice between the \$2,000 disposable paintings, but can also, if he prefers, make a selection of different paintings to the extent of \$2,000.

"There are among the members of the Society of Arts, artists whose fame must some day become very great. Over sixty among them have been exhibitors at the Salons of the Champ Elysees and the Champ-de-Mars, several have obtained the highest honours, are knights of the Legion of Honour, medallists and hors concours."

The Society of Art of Canada has a school of drawing and painting, where lessons are given free. This school opens