

INTRODUCTION

THE foundation of an Art Museum for Toronto was first formally discussed at a meeting of representatives of the following bodies:—

Ontario Government; Canadian Institute; Public Library Board; Public School Board; High School Board; University of Toronto; Trinity University; Ontario Society of Artists; Board of Trade of Toronto; City Council; Guild of Civic Art; Women's Art Association; Ontario Association of Architects; Canadian Club; Women's Historical Society; Central Ontario School of Art and Design, and the School Art Leagues.

This meeting was convened by the President of the Ontario Society of Artists, then Mr. G. A. Reid, and was held in the rooms of the Society on 15th March, 1900. At a subsequent meeting of about fifty representatives of the above bodies held in the University of Toronto on 31st March, 1900, incorporation was decided upon and a Provisional Council was elected.

Following upon these proceedings, THE ART MUSEUM OF TORONTO was incorporated on 4th July, 1900, under the provisions of Chap. 211 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897. In the application for incorporation, the following are set forth as the purposes of the Museum:—