

Art Association of Montreal.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL,

For the year ending December, 1887.

The Council of the Art Association in presenting their Report for the year 1886, were compelled, with much regret, to announce to the members and general public that the funds at their disposal for the maintenance of the Institution were gradually diminishing year by year, and that their expectation that the year 1886 would prove a prosperous one, was, unfortunately, not realized. While this condition of affairs was seriously unsatisfactory, the hope was also expressed that a change for the better might take place in the course of the present year. It is with much gratification that they are now able to speak of the fulfilment of this hope. During the past year unmistakeable signs of a deepening interest in the cause of Art have manifested themselves. Old friends, the representatives of Art culture in Montreal, have not been wanting, and have proved themselves, as ever, active in promoting the welfare of the Association, while many new friends have joined the ranks, bringing with them fresh accumulations of that interest and intelligence which are so essential for the preservation and utility of an Institution such as this.

For many years the Council have urged the importance of establishing a Sustentation or Endowment Fund. They are now