

ART ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council of the Art Association of Montreal have the honor to report :—

That since the last annual meeting, held in January, 1879, the new building erected upon the ground given for the purpose by the late lamented BENAIAH GIBB, Esq., has been completed. On the 29th of March last, meeting of the Council was first held within it ; a Curator and Secretary (Mr. S. English) and a Janitor and resident Care-taker (Mr. Thos. Stevenson) had been appointed in February, previously.

On the 20th of February, the Council, earnestly desiring that the building should be opened free of debt, made appeal to their fellow-citizens for assistance toward paying off the liabilities of the Association. This was by circular printed in both French and English, of which copy was sent to the addresses of several hundreds of persons. A list of all the subscriptions and donations for this purpose, up to December 31st, is appended to this report.

On the 28th of February the Council addressed His Excellency the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, soliciting them to become Patrons of the Association ; and, early in March, the Council was informed that His Excellency and her Royal Highness had been graciously pleased to accede to this request.

On the opening of the new budget in March, by the Honorable the Minister of Finance, it was found that Works of Art were included