

Ontario Society of Artists

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President's Twenty-Seventh Annual Report



THE indications of the past year show by the marked increase of interest in native art, and from purchases of pictures both public and private, that the hope expressed in the last report that a revival had begun was not unfounded. While it is very desirable, however, that we should be hopeful, to be too congratulatory would be a mistake if it were to in the least allow us to relax in our efforts to make our Society go forward to occupy the position in the public esteem which is its due, and to keep the cause of Art progressing.

The function of our Society as the representative Art body of the Province, being the work of greatest importance to us, comes first in order in this report. The agreement with the Education Department referred to last year, was renewed with a slight alteration, and a rearrangement of the pictures of the Provincial Art Gallery was made. A list of the pictures purchased during the year from this collection is given herewith. In accordance with the terms of the annual grant from the Provincial Government, two pictures of the value of \$100.00 each were selected from the 26th annual exhibition to be placed in the Provincial collection. These purchases are also given in the appended list.

The constitution, revised last year, is proving to be on a good working basis, and while we give our main attention to