

attract many followers. All these difficulties will, however, tend to disappear as the country advances along the path of progress which it is travelling with so much rapidity, and I am glad to learn from you that you are able to report that your efforts have been attended with success and that the prospects of sound and enlightened art culture are far from discouraging. The munificence of one of your citizens has rendered it possible for you to start on your career with very considerable advantages, and it is not unreasonable to expect that the splendid example which he has set may be followed, even at a distance, by others. The city of Montreal has, I am glad to say, been conspicuous for the success of the exhibitions held within it, and I shall hope, during my stay in Canada, to enjoy many opportunities of observing the work of your Canadian artists, some of whom have established a reputation extending beyond the limits of the Dominion. I congratulate you upon what you have been able to do, I cordially wish you success in your future efforts, and I trust that my connection with your country may afford me some opportunities of co-operating with you in promoting the advancement of the fine arts.

At the request of His Excellency the members of Council present were presented to him and Lady Lansdowne by the President, and after a few minutes spent in conversation the deputation withdrew.