

the realm of imagination and go to that of nature, you will see living and moving around you what a choice is still presented. The features of brave, able and distinguished men of your own land, of its fair women, and in the scenery of your country in the magnificent wealth of water of its great streams, in the foaming rush of their cascades, overhung by the mighty pines or branching maples and skirted with the scented cedar copses, in the fertility of your farms, not only here but throughout Ontario also, or in the sterile and savage rock-scenery of the Saguenay. In such subjects there is ample material, and I doubt not that our artists will in due time benefit this country by making her natural resources and the beauty of her landscapes as well known as are those of the picturesque districts of Europe, and that we shall have here a school worthy of the growing greatness of our dearly loved Dominion.

It now only remains for me to declare this Gallery open, and to hope that the labors of the gentlemen who have carried out this excellent design will be rewarded by the appreciation of a grateful public.