

Report of the Council

For the Year 1888.

THE Ninth Annual Exhibition and meeting of the members of the Academy. The exhibition of 1888, was held in Toronto, in conjunction with the Ontario Society of Artists, in the Granite Curling Rink, which, in the absence of a more suitable building, was leased for the purpose.

At the request of the Resident Academicians an Art Fair was held in connection with the Exhibition, in the hope of raising a substantial sum towards the building of a permanent picture gallery. The rink was large enough to afford a commodious picture gallery, as well as ample space for the fair, which was fitted up to represent the market square of an old English town, one end of the square being occupied by a stage upon which were presented dramatic and musical performances appropriate to the Elizabethian age. All those who took part in the fair, upwards of three hundred ladies, gentlemen and children, were dressed in the costume of the sixteenth century, and performed their various parts with great spirit, making the whole scene most interesting and brilliant. As a matter of artistic presentation, the fair was most successful, but the cost of fitting up so large a space, and the expenses connected with the various entertainments were so heavy as to absorb most of the returns.