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My day-to-day, to be present with you at the opening of this building, the first art gallery I believe which has been opened in Montreal. It is certainly the first occasion on which so large an assemblage of ladies has gathered in the city. A much of the wealth and influence of this great city has met together, to encourage a devotion to art. I heartily and sincerely congratulate you, not only upon this magnificent bequest which has been made to you by the late Mr. Gibb, but also on your having been able at a time certainly not very propitious to get funds together to build this beautiful house where you have been able to collect the pictures of which the donation consisted, but also the many others which have been loaned to you. It is perhaps too much the case that many an one in my position would have been unable to do so.