

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1885

THE Annual Exhibition for 1885 was held in Toronto in conjunction with the Ontario Society of Artists, opening on the 14th of May. The collection of paintings was large and of good quality, and the Exhibition was fairly attended by visitors. The sale of pictures, however, was discouragingly small. The same may be said of the exhibition of works by Canadian artists held the preceding month in Montreal. No interest feels the effect of commercial and financial depression sooner or more severely than that of Art, and the past year has been a trying one to artists generally.

The evening assembly was held on the 14th, and as His Excellency the Governor General was unable to attend, the chair was occupied by the President. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario was present, and an interesting address was delivered by Dr. Wilson, President of the University of Toronto, on "The economic value of High Art," forcibly and interestingly illustrating the material and intellectual influence which Art has exerted upon the different races and peoples whom it has served to elevate and improve during the ages in which it has existed.