

GENERAL.

The Treasurer's account, duly audited by Mr. Philip S. Ross, public accountant, is given on another page; also a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Association up to November 30th, 1884.

The freedom of the gallery and reading-room was tendered to the members of the British Association during their sojourn in this city, and many of our eminent visitors availed themselves of the privilege thus afforded.

Since the issue of the last Annual Report no amelioration has been made by the Canadian Parliament in the rates of customs' duties charged on works of art. The Council would re-iterate their remarks of last year as to the great desirability of the remission of the present excessive imposts levied on works by artists of acknowledged merit. A high tariff of necessity acts as a powerful deterrent to the infusion of an artistic spirit in any community.

The membership during the past four years has been as follows :—

	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.
Governors	19	19	17	15
Life-members	82	81	80	24
Annual members	344	341	357	335
Total membership...	445	441	454	374

The number of visits paid to the Gallery during the past four years has been—

	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.
By members (free)	9708	9017	10498	4857
By free visitors on Saturdays.	4344	4773	5062	2474
By non-members at 25c.	1456	1929	1940	1317
“ “ during the Provincial Exhibition at 10c.	1440	nil	1839	2350
Total visits	16948	15719	19339	10998