

It is a cause of regret that the clauses respecting the registration of designs have not also been taken advantage of; but your Sub-Committee is of opinion that this result is attributable rather to a want of information than to a want of appreciation on the part of the public, of the provisions of the Act. It is therefore suggested to your Sub-Committee's successors that the question, whether more publicity should be given this matter, and what action should be taken by the Board for that purpose? is not worthy of consideration.

Your Sub-Committee have had under consideration the feasibility of founding a School of Design in this city, and plans have been prepared by which the required accommodation can be provided at the Exhibition Building, at a comparatively small outlay.

At the same time the Art Association of Montreal having under consideration the desirability of establishing a Gallery of Art, a Committee was appointed to confer with a Committee of the latter Association, for the purpose of securing a School of Design and a Gallery of Art combined; but nothing definite has yet been decided upon.

Your Sub-Committee recommend to the consideration of their successors, this scheme for supplying a want, the necessity and importance of which is daily increasing.

In the early part of the year your Sub-Committee made application to the Minister of Agriculture for duplicate models and copies of specifications of Canadian Patents, but in consequence of his having no funds for that purpose, he was unable to comply with that request.

As it is highly desirable that these models and specifications, or copies of them, should be placed in some central position where access to them could easily be had by the public; and as Montreal is the centre and seat of the mechanical class, your Sub-Committee suggest