

art in its best and purest forms, we are achieving a result which will benefit the present generation, will afford them legitimate pleasure, and will educate and cultivate the taste of those who may come after us.

With profound respect to Your Excellency, as the representative of Her Gracious Majesty as well as in your personal capacity, and with strong desire that your residence in Canada may be fraught with benefit to the Dominion, with satisfaction to yourself, and with the blessings of health and happiness to Your Excellency, to the Marchioness of Lansdowne and your family,

We beg to remain,

Your Excellency's faithful servants,

S. ENGLISH, *Secretary.*

R. MACKAY, *President.*

R. W. NORMAN, *Vice-President.*

MONTREAL,

February 10th, 1884.

His Excellency replied as follows :—

MR. MACKAY AND GENTLEMEN,

It gives me great pleasure to think that the Art Association of Montreal should have given me a special welcome upon my first visit to this city. The movement with which the Association is identified is one which has my warmest sympathies. Were I to withhold them I believe I should fail adequately to represent the Sovereign whose commission I have the honour to bear—a Sovereign who has throughout Her reign shown a warm interest in all that concerns the promotion of the fine arts. My own personal predilections lead me in the same direction, for I have lived all my