

## ART GALLERY—NATIONAL.

The additions to the National Art Gallery, during the last fiscal year consisted of two oil paintings, viz.:—"Death of Nelson," by George Philip Reinagle, R.A., and "The Photographer," by F. Brownell, R.C.A. The former was purchased by the Government. The latter was a diploma picture and the gift of the Royal Canadian Academy.

The Gallery received much attention from citizens, strangers and visitors to the city, last year, as is evidenced by the increased number of names entered on the register book.

The following table gives the number of persons who wrote their names in the visitor's list, each year, since the gallery was inaugurated :

1882-83 .....	8,261
1883-84 .....	9,928
1884-85.....	11,893
1885-86.....	8,792
1886-87.....	11,943
1887-88.....	16,593
1888-89.....	14,241
1889-90.....	18,048
1890-91.....	21,289
1891-92.....	20,026
1892-93.....	16,717
1893-94.....	13,366
1894-95.....	19,146
1895-96.....	22,961

This showing must be very gratifying and encouraging to all who take an interest in the development of a taste for art in Canada.

The report of the Curator will be found at page 257 of Appendix No. 13.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

**BUILDINGS:**—The building operations in this province during the fiscal year were, in brief as follows:—

Nanaimo, public building.—Additional gas fittings and steps were provided.

New Westminster, drill hall.—Contract for erection of building entered into, work in progress.

do post office.—Roof repaired, etc.

Vancouver public building.—Minor repairs to roof, glazing, furniture, etc.

do gun shed.—Commenced and completed during the fiscal year.

Victoria, custom-house.—Repairs to fixtures and furniture.

do new public building.—Fair progress in work of construction was made during the year.

do post office, etc.—General repairs were done and some fittings and furniture supplied.

do military storehouse.—Building was completed and occupied.