



## INTRODUCTION



THE Council deem themselves peculiarly fortunate in having succeeded in obtaining a Collection of Paintings of such importance as those enumerated in the following Catalogue; and they feel that the members of the Association will join with them in tendering their thanks to the owners mentioned on the following page for their generosity in lending them for an occasion of such interest to the Association as the Inauguration of the New Galleries by His Royal Highness The Governor-General.

In preparing for this Exhibition great difficulty was experienced in the choice of the pictures from the wealth of examples of distinguished artists' work owned in Montreal alone; and as it was possible to hang only a certain number to the best advantage, it became necessary to restrict the Exhibition practically to one of Oil Paintings, chosen for their special merit to form a well-balanced Collection; and to confine it to Paintings owned in this City. The other numerous and important Oils and Water Colours belonging to Collectors in Montreal will, it is hoped, be available for exhibition at some future date.