

With every good wish for the continued health and happiness of yourself and Her Royal Highness, and with sentiments of devoted loyalty to our Sovereign,

We beg to remain,

Your Excellency's faithful servants,

ROBERT MACKAY, *President.*

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

F. WOLFERSTAN THOMAS, } *Councillors.*
THOMAS WHITE,

S. ENGLISH, *Secretary.*

MONTREAL,

October 15, 1883.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

Believe us, one of the greatest pleasures we have had during our residence in Canada, lies in the part we have been able to take, in co-operating and advancing the interests for which you so diligently labour.

The Princess, as an Artist, has been with you heart and soul in your desire to spread a knowledge of Art which shall benefit trade as well as conduce to improvement in taste in public galleries and buildings, and in the comfort of home life.

Montreal can do much to promote the interests of Art in the Dominion, and from the manner in which in a short time so much has been done, we may be confident that no man in the future shall be able to say that Canada is too rough and rude a country to be able to feel the useful and ennobling impulses to be found in the cultivation of Art.

LORNE.

MONTREAL, *Oct. 15th, 1883.*