

Art Association of Montreal.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1898-'99.

In presenting the Annual Report of 1898-'99 the Council desire to call the attention of the members to the change in the date of the financial and working year which will hereafter end on the 31st of May instead of the 31st of December, and the annual meeting will be held in the month of June after the close of the year's work.

These and other desirable amendments to the By-laws will be submitted to the members for their approval at the annual meeting.

This report therefore comprises the work and proceedings of the Association for eighteen months. In future the annual report will comprehend the active months of the year, beginning in the Autumn and closing in the Spring.

The financial statements of the Association set forth on pages 11 to 15 will be found to be very satisfactory.

The rapidly increasing love and knowledge of art in our city has been the cause of so great an influx of members to the Association that the galleries have on occasions been inconveniently overcrowded and the Council have been, very reluctantly, compelled to limit the number of members to 800 for the present. The wall space, seating capacity at lectures, and the class rooms have all been taxed to their full extent during the past year and a half and larger accommodation is needed to enable our Art School to develop its powers for instruction not only to the pupils but to the public who are also students.

Two Annual Spring Exhibitions have been held since the publication of the last report, namely in 1898 and 1899,