

ART ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Association, duly called, was held in the Gallery, on this Thursday, the 20th day of December, 1883, at 3 o'clock p.m., with the President, Mr. JUSTICE MACKAY, in the chair.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, and of the Special Meeting, held February 3rd, were confirmed.

The Annual Report having been printed, and being in the hands of the members present, was taken as read.

The PRESIDENT, in moving the adoption of the report, said : The report of the Council shews the condition of our Association to be prosperous. Nothing has occurred during the year to discourage us, while we have many causes for being thankful. The first paragraph of the report shows how the Council discharged the duty put upon it at the last annual meeting to the effect that it should continue efforts with the Government for the remission of duties on works of art of acknowledged merit, and also of the duties on books. The results wished for were only obtained in part at the last session of Parliament, and while books printed over seven years and manuscripts have been placed upon the free list, sculptures, drawings, prints and painted glass, works of confessedly great artists, old or new without distinction, remain subject to high duties. Still we have not given up hope of better things in the future. The exhibition just ended was remarkable, not so much for the number of pictures exhibited, as for their value and character. The report alludes in detail to this exhibition and to the liberal spirit manifested by the owners of even the most precious of these pictures, in granting the loan of