

ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION.

With the co-operation of the Association of Architects of the Province of Quebec, an Exhibition of Architectural Drawings and Sketches was held in the new gallery, from the 4th October to the 20th October, and was inaugurated by a *Conversazione* which was numerously attended.

Special interest attached to this exhibition from its uniqueness and from its being the first of the kind held here. The result was very gratifying and gave encouragement for the holding of future similar exhibitions.

About 150 Drawings and Sketches of an architectural character were exhibited, many of them of great merit, and in addition, some interesting models and examples of art work were kindly lent by members of the Association for the occasion.

TEMPEST ESTATE.

The Estate of the late John W. Tempest having been handed over to the Association by the Executors, a statement of both Capital and Revenue accounts is submitted.

Under the terms of the Bequest, two paintings have been purchased, a Landscape, "Sand Dunes, Scheveningen," Holland, (33 x 43), by Willem Bastien Tholen, The Hague, a rising artist of the Modern Dutch School, which was offered for the Gallery at a specially low figure, viz. \$500. It is undoubtedly a valuable addition to the collection.

An opportunity having occurred to acquire an example, in good condition, of the comparatively rare work of Pieter de Hooch, one of the old Dutch painters who flourished more than two hundred years ago, (1632-1682) the Council decided to purchase the painting for the sum of \$6,500, feeling justified in anticipating their revenue to the extent of half that amount in order to secure it.