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Extended Privileges for Women.

AN impetus has been given to the ambition of female students of art by the recent decree of the French government granting women admission to the classes of the Ecole des Beaux Arts. The decree provides that sixty female students between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five shall be granted this privilege after having, by preliminary examination, given proof of artistic acquirement. The same course of study has been assigned to women as to men, and until the success or otherwise, of the new departure shall have been proven students of both sexes will pursue their studies together. Should a sufficient number of female students make application for admission to the school, however, special accommodation will be provided for them. Women have already distinguished themselves in the field of art. With the privileges for study now placed at their disposal, conjoined with their natural adaptability, they may be expected to achieve greater things in the future.

Reduced Cost of Building.

REFERENCE was made in these pages last month to the greatly reduced cost of building in Toronto at the present time as compared with a few years ago. While local circumstances have doubtless had something to do with changing the conditions in Toronto, a substantial decrease appears to have taken place in the cost of building throughout the United States as well as Canada. The American Architect, referring to this subject, states that in 1872 the cost of bricks laid in the wall was reckoned at \$36 per thousand. To-day, with better materials, the cost is only \$15 per thousand. It is stated that owing to the abnormally low price of materials at present prevailing, the cost of building is less on this continent than in Europe, notwithstanding the much lower scale of wages paid to workmen abroad. There is good reason to believe however, that prices of