

and 25 contributions by amateurs. The character of the works in the aggregate reached an average standard, but the sales fell short of the results of last year's exhibition.

There was no exhibition of the work done by the students of the art classes during the session of 1885-86, which is to be regretted, as good progress had been made.

The Winter Exhibition of the "Century" drawings, still on view, was opened on October 15th. It had been very successful elsewhere, but in this city has unfortunately failed to attract visitors. The details of a subscription of \$150 by members of Council, to reimburse the deficit arising out of this exhibition is given on another page.

It is hoped that during the coming year there may be a Loan Exhibition of the artistic products of China and Japan. Also that one or more of our public spirited citizens may entrust some of their pictures to our care for temporary exhibition in the gallery.

The usual Spring Exhibition will be held in April, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Royal Canadian Academy. It is also intended to afford some special attractions to visitors during the week of the Winter Carnival.

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