

Early in the year a committee of the Council (consisting of Messrs. Watt, Hope, Dawson and Lambe) was named to prepare a new Code of by-laws. The work was finished in March last, particular attention having been given to special clauses looking to a strict conservation of the property entrusted to the Association, and to the prevention of debt. It was found subsequently that amendments to the charter would have to be sought from the local parliament, and it has been deemed better to await the result of this application for fresh legislation before proceeding to pass the new by-laws; therefore only those which relate to membership are submitted herewith.

On the 29th of March a letter was received from the Governor-General's Secretary conveying the gratifying intelligence that His Excellency and Her Royal Highness had, upon request of the Council, consented to open formally the new Art Gallery on the 26th May.

The month of April was employed by the Art Gallery committee in preparing for the public opening, borrowing and making selections of pictures for a Loan Collection, preparing catalogue, etc., etc.

On the 25th of May, His Excellency the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise honored the Association by a private inspection of the paintings in the Gallery; they made a minute examination of them, and, on their departure, expressed themselves pleased with their visit. The President and Vice-President were in waiting upon them by appointment. The next evening, the formal opening of the Building and Gallery took place. Over six hundred ladies and gentlemen attended, and the scene was very brilliant. At nine o'clock His Excellency and Her Royal Highness entered, attended by their suites, and were conducted to a raised *dais* at the end of the principal room, where an address from the Association was read to them by the President, to which His Excellency responded in an eloquent and appropriate speech, toward the end of which he proclaimed the Gallery opened, and terminated his remarks with the expression of a hope that the design of the Association would be duly appreciated, and the labors of those engaged in it rewarded, by a grateful public.

Thanks are due, and are hereby again offered, to those ladies and gentlemen who kindly lent paintings to be exhibited on the occasion.