

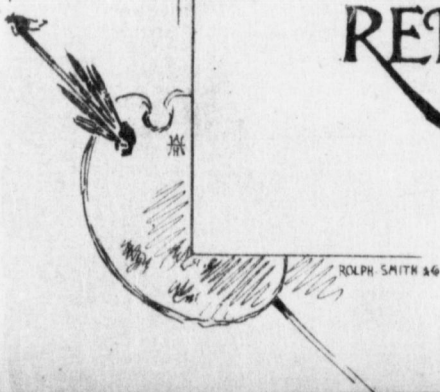
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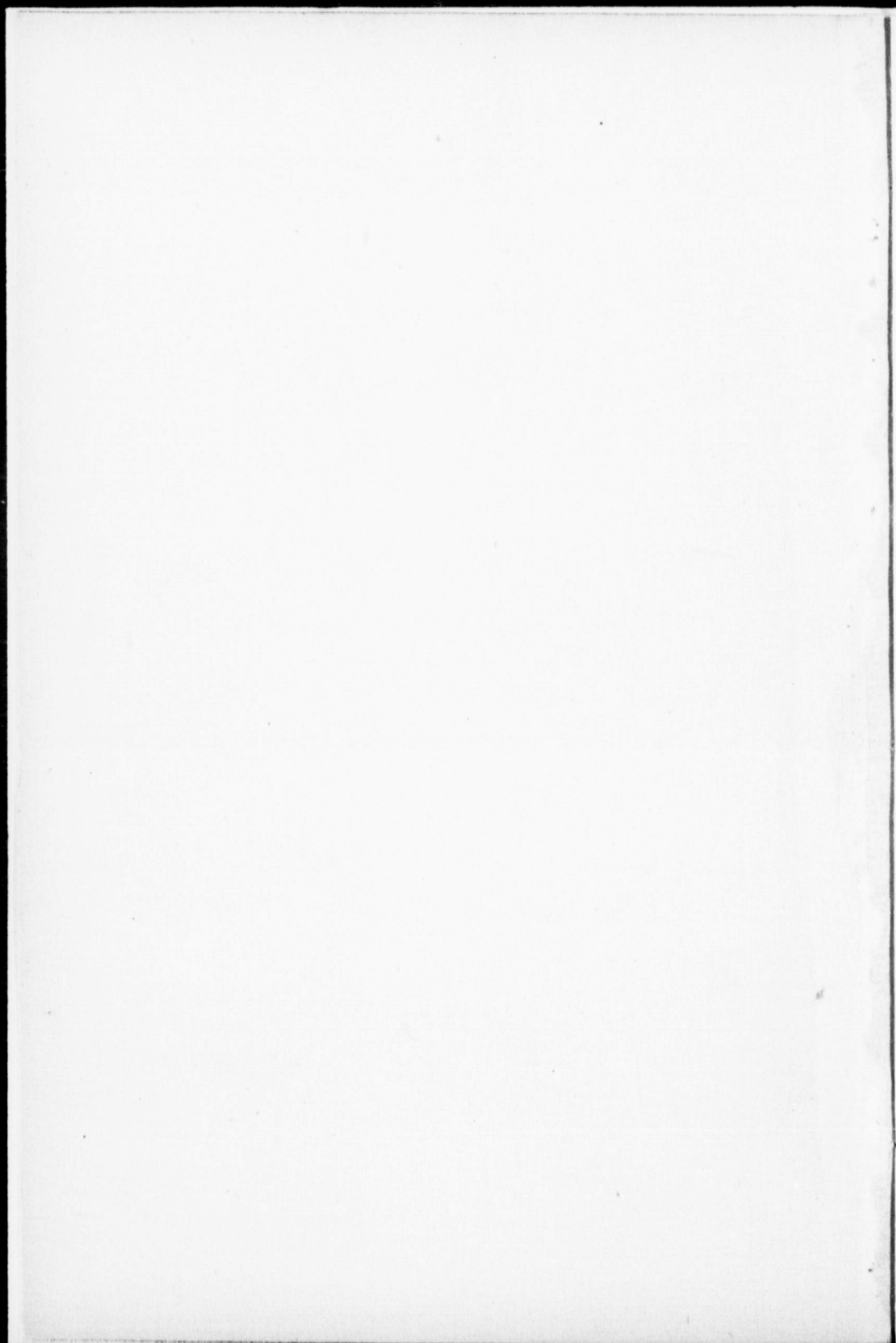
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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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AT the Annual Meeting of the Academy, held in the rooms of the Art Association of Montreal, on the 16th April, 1884, the following gentlemen were elected as Associate Members: Messrs. J. W. L. FORSTER, and WM. CRUICKSHANK, Painters; JOHN T. WILLING and JOHN ELLIS, Designers, of Toronto; and Mr. GEO. DURAND, Architect, of London, Ont.

His Excellency the Governor-General presided as usual at the Annual Evening Assembly. His speech, and the remarks of the President and Vice-President, and of the President of the Art Association of Montreal, give so clear an exposition of the work which the Academy is endeavouring to accomplish, that the Council beg to submit the proceedings of that evening as part of their Report.

Two important parts of the programme proposed were Exhibitions and facilities for study from the living model. In both of these, good work has been done during the current year.

The Exhibition at Montreal was fully equal to that of previous years; and some of the pictures showed a marked advance upon any Canadian work previously exhibited, the large painting by Mr. Harris, of the Founders of the Confederation, being the

most important historical painting that has been executed in the country.

An Exhibition at St. John, N.B., was proposed to follow that at Montreal. The intention being to stimulate local interest in Art and evoke local effort, it was deemed best to leave the management as far as possible in the hands of the citizens of St. John. The plan was successfully carried out. An influential committee, composed of the Mayor and leading gentlemen of the city, undertook the management of the Exhibition. The Trustees of the Owen's Art Gallery offered the use of their Gallery, which was just completed, and afforded a good light and ample accommodation. The Academy undertook to collect and forward pictures by Canadian Artists, and to pay all charges of carriage to and from the Exhibition, besides assisting the local Committee of Management. For this purpose several members of the Academy proceeded to St. John; Mr. James Smith, our Treasurer, acting as the deputy of the President, who was unable to attend. Much interest was evinced, and a very large number of persons visited the Gallery. The expenditure of the Academy in aid of this Exhibition was \$734.83.

It was proposed to hold an exhibition also in Quebec, but our friends in that city deemed the time to be unpropitious, and advised us to postpone it.

The Council of the Academy made a grant of money to the local Committee of Academicians in the cities of Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, to be expended in facilitating study in drawing and painting from the living model. The classes in each of these

cities have been well attended, and much advantage has been derived from this study both by Artists and Art Students.

A strong desire was expressed by members of the Academy and by His Excellency the Governor General to have the Exhibition and Meeting of the Academy this year in Ottawa, but it was found impossible to obtain the requisite accommodation.

It has therefore been arranged to hold the coming Exhibition and Meeting in Toronto in conjunction with the Ontario Society of Artists, and it is proposed to open it on or about the 9th of May.

The evening Assembly of Members, Honorary Members, and their families, will be held as usual ; and no pains will be spared to make it as pleasant and interesting as upon former occasions.