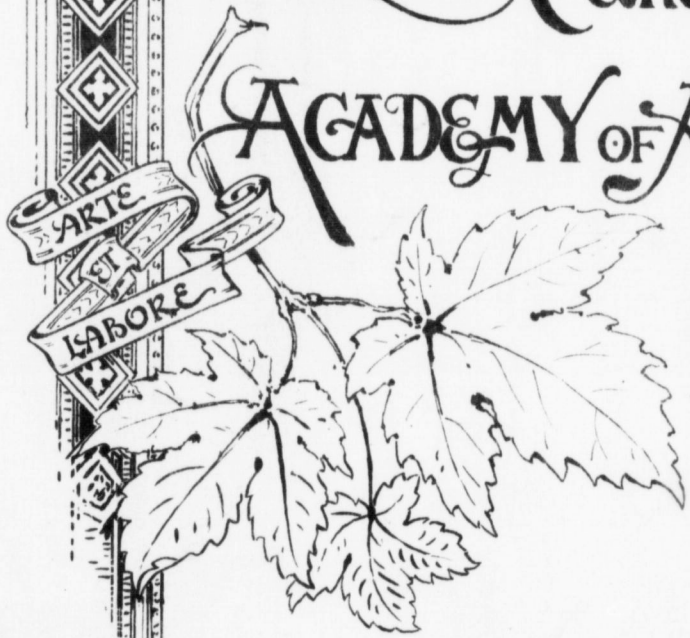


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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1885

THE Annual Exhibition for 1885 was held in Toronto in conjunction with the Ontario Society of Artists, opening on the 14th of May. The collection of paintings was large and of good quality, and the Exhibition was fairly attended by visitors. The sale of pictures, however, was discouragingly small. The same may be said of the exhibition of works by Canadian artists held the preceding month in Montreal. No interest feels the effect of commercial and financial depression sooner or more severely than that of Art, and the past year has been a trying one to artists generally.

The evening assembly was held on the 14th, and as His Excellency the Governor General was unable to attend, the chair was occupied by the President. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario was present, and an interesting address was delivered by Dr. Wilson, President of the University of Toronto, on "The economic value of High Art," forcibly and interestingly illustrating the material and intellectual influence which Art has exerted upon the different races and peoples whom it has served to elevate and improve during the ages in which it has existed.

He then alluded to the present state of Art in Canada. "We had," he said, "facilities in our school system surpassing anything they had ever enjoyed, and, while the Minister of Education is making improvements in the primary schools requisite for the first steps, there was another kind of education should not be neglected, that is the education furnished by a great gallery free to the people, where the eye might be cultivated as well as the mind."

The lecturer instanced the effect upon the taste and culture of the Danish people produced by the galleries of sculpture in Copenhagen, and showed that while it was impossible, without enormous expenditure, to have a really good collection of original paintings, the works of the great masters of sculpture are cheaply and effectually reproduced in plaster, and that a collection of casts of the best antique statuary, which would be of inestimable value to the artistic education of our people, was quite within our means.

Dr. Wilson's remarks were listened to with the highest approval by the large audience. Interesting addresses were also delivered by the Hon. Geo. W. Allan, President of the Ontario Society of Artists, and the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education.

At the Annual Meeting, all the officers of the Academy were re-elected, excepting M. Bourassa, Vice-President, who has filled that office for the past five years, but has, much to the regret of his brother Academicians, been compelled by

circumstances to resign. Mr. A. C. Hutchison, of Montreal, was elected Vice-President in his place.

Mr. Dickson Patterson was elected as an Academician, and Messrs.

A. T. Taylor, Architect, Montreal ;

S. G. Curry, Architect, Toronto ;

A. Boisseau, Painter, Montreal ;

J. Kerr Lawson, Painter, Ottawa ;

John C. Pinhey, Painter, Ottawa ;

Geo. Reid, Painter, Toronto ;

were elected Associate Members.

In the month of September, we were informed that the Government of the Dominion desired that the artists of Canada should assist in the representation of the country at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, to be held next spring in London, by the contribution of pictures illustrative of Canadian life, scenery and manners. The President at once sent a circular with this information to all the artists in the country, in order that no time might be lost in preparation. Subsequently the Government appointed a committee to select the works to be sent to this Exhibition. The committee is composed as follows :

His Excellency the Governor General, *Chairman* ;

The President of the Royal Canadian Academy ;

The President of the Ontario Society of Artists ;

The President of the Art Association of Montreal ;

The President of the Art Association of Ottawa ;
The President of the Art Association of London ;
Two members of the Academy elected by the Council,
viz., Messrs. R. Harris, R.C.A., and Homer Watson,
R.C.A.

The Government also requested that the Academy Exhibition for 1886 should be held in Ottawa, and kindly offered the use of the Supreme Court rooms for the purpose. This offer was accepted by the Council, and the Exhibition is to be opened on the 1st of February. It is to be regretted that more time could not have been given to the artists for preparation of pictures for this Exhibition as well as for that of the Colonies and India, but it was found to be impossible to fix a later date.

All works of art intended for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition are to be sent to Ottawa at the same time as the pictures for the Academy Exhibition, in order that the Committee of Selection may see them all together, and choose such as are suitable for the purpose. Many of the best works of Canadian artists are in the hands of private owners, and it is to be hoped that these will not object to lend them for a public object of such importance to the credit of the country.

His Excellency the Governor General will preside at the annual evening assembly, which will be held at Ottawa early in February. Due notice will be given of the date when the arrangements are complete.