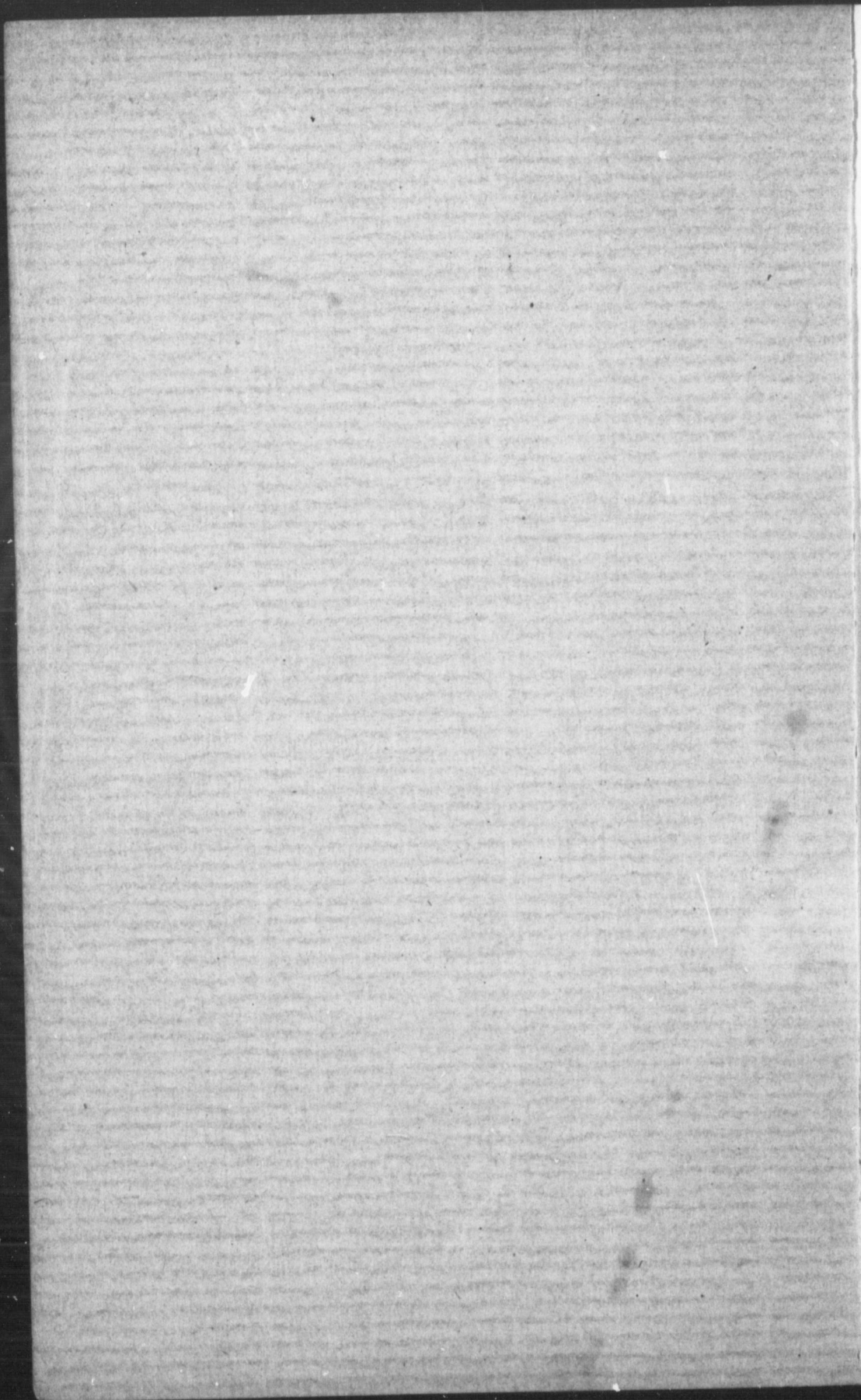


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OF THE

Montreal Society of Decorative Art

FOR YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1888.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The ninth annual meeting of the Society of Decorative Art was held at the rooms of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, 14 Phillips' Square, on Saturday, May 12th.

F. Wolferstan Thomas, Esq., presided, and read the Annual Report of the Committee and the Treasurer's statement for the year.

It was then moved by Mrs. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. J. H. R. Molson, and carried,—“That the reports be adopted, and, under the direction of the office-bearers, printed for circulation.”

The following resolution was moved by Rev. Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mrs. Greenshields, and carried,—“That this meeting notes with satisfaction the report of progress in the work and the practical benefits bestowed by the Society, and urges the Committee to continue their efforts with renewed energy to promote the welfare of this worthy organization.”

The office-bearers were then elected for the ensuing year, and resulted as follows:—

President—Mrs. G. W. Stephens.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Greenshields, Mrs. Stimson, Mrs. Heney.

Treasurer—Mrs. Edwyn Evans.

Secretary—Miss Hill.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting adjourned.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It is with a feeling of great encouragement that the Committee of the Montreal Society of Decorative Art present their ninth annual report. Their work seems steadily growing in public favor, and the year just ended has, all things considered, been the most prosperous of the Society's existence.

There are 96 members; 10 new names were added since last May, and 5 removed through death or resignation.

Articles to the value of \$3,148.13 were accepted by the Committee. The sales amounted to \$2,430.89, an increase of \$396.51 on the previous year. The sum of \$844.82 was received for special orders, this branch of the business having doubled during the past twelve months. The sale of donations reached \$51.35, and \$112.06 was realized for stamping. There are 126 contributors to the rooms.

There has been a remarkable improvement in the work sent in for sale. As is always the case, the finest specimens have been private orders, and, therefore, only seen by the Committee. Special mention may be made of a handsome table cover of terra cotta colored cloth, embroidered in silks of the same shade; a beautiful quilt and pillow shams of Mexican drawn work; also a set of dessert doileys, with table mat to match, of fine linen, exquisitely worked in wild roses of the most delicate tints. These articles compare most favorably with those on sale at the New York and Boston Decorative Art rooms, so justly celebrated. A box of very artistic work was forwarded to the Women's Industrial Exhibition, Glasgow, through the kindness of Lady Stephen, who engaged a section in the name of the Society, and also paid all expenses incurred in shipping the work to Scotland. During the past year the Society has extended its sphere of usefulness by sending six ladies, with decided talent for drawing, to the school of the Art Association, under the able direction of Mr. Brymner,

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and within the last ten days a free class for advanced art needle-work has been formed, in which eight pupils are learning the various stitches under the guidance of a very skilful teacher.

Several important changes have lately taken place. The Society has moved from the Wellington Arcade to larger and more desirable quarters at 2288 St. Catherine Street, where there are increased facilities for carrying on the work. Stamping has been introduced, proving a considerable source of revenue. An assistant has been engaged to aid the present Superintendent, the duties having become too numerous for one person.

The Committee feel that much of their success is owing to the Superintendent, Miss Alice Esdaile, whose untiring efforts and courteous manner have brought many new friends to the rooms.

The thanks of the Society are tendered to the Committee of the Art Association for receiving the students at reduced rates ; to Lady Stephen for her kindness in sending the work to the Glasgow Exhibition ; to the Medico-Chirurgical Society for the use of their room for the annual meeting ; to Messrs. Hall & Scott for continued favors ; and to the anonymous friend who paid for the painting of the show-cases.

JANE E. HILL,
Secretary.

Acting upon the valuable suggestions of Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, the chairman at the annual meeting, the Committee have established an Inquiry Office for the benefit of Governesses, Music, Painting, Drawing and Embroidery Teachers, all of whom are requested to leave their addresses and information as to terms and hours at the rooms of the Society.

Contributors undertake the decoration of luncheon, dinner, and supper tables, also the cataloguing of libraries.

A large selection of beautiful designs for oil and water-color painting can be rented by the week at a small charge.

DR. THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DECORATIVE ART SOCIETY. CR.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1888.

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Subscriptions :	Business Expenses :
Annual.....\$ 405 00	Fuel.....\$ 60 10
Associates.....8 00	Insurance, fire.....11 00
Donations.....51 35	" plate glass, 1887.....6 55
	" " 1888.....5 49
	Light.....2 85
	Printing and advertising.....33 25
Commission or orders.....\$ 129 15	Rent.....300 00
Interest.....8 26	Stationery and postages.....13 45
Stamping.....112 06	Sundry general expenses.....36 26
	Salaries.....270 50
Sales for year ending 1888.....249 47	Wages and labour.....32 73
	Taxes, water.....17 10
	\$ 789 28
	Expenses chargeable to moving.....77 50
	Perforator and materials.....49 16
Total receipts.....\$3,144 71	Payments to consignors of work.....\$2,430 89
Balance from 30th April, 1887.....518 38	Less commission.....241 88
	2,189 01
	130 00
	\$3,319 01
	Total disbursements.....\$3,319 01
	Balance cash.....428 14
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10th May, 1888.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Sanctioned,

October 31st, 1879.

WHEREAS the Ladies hereinafter named, resident in the City of Montreal, have, by their petition, represented that they, with others, have organized and are now maintaining by private subscription a private society in the City of Montreal, under the name of the "Montreal Society of Decorative Art," with the following benevolent and industrial objects, namely to afford an opportunity to individuals who are forced by adverse circumstances to employ their skill or accomplishments as a means of support, and who, shunning publicity, seek a channel for the disposal of articles, whether of their own workmanship or not, at a fair price; to afford facilities for instruction in decorative art, and in the several branches of art where skill and ornamentation are employed, and to encourage tasteful manufactures in this Province; and whereas the want of such a Society has been much felt, and similar societies are now successfully established in other cities, and are found to be beneficial; and that the usefulness of this Society would be increased, and donations and bequests encouraged, were it incorporated; and whereas the Ladies have prayed for an Act of Incorporation, and it is expedient to grant their prayer: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:—

1. Mesdames Delphine Choquette Rivard, Annie Molson, Annie Shaw Wheeler, Margaret Macdonald Hingston, Harriet Goodhue Thomas, Jennie Frank Greene, Emma Elizabeth Badgley,

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(Audited),
G. DURNFORD, C.A.

10th May, 1888.

and Mary Ann Douglas Mercer, with others who now are or may hereafter be associated with them, under the provisions of this Act, and the by-laws made under authority thereof, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Montreal Society of Decorative Art."

2. The said Corporation shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, with power to alter the same, and may, under the said name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in all courts whatsoever in this Province ; and from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be able and capable to have, take, accept, under will or otherwise, acquire, possess, hold and enjoy to and for the use of the said Corporation, all lands or property, moveable or immoveable, which may be hereafter sold, ceded, given, bequeathed or granted to, or acquired by the said Corporation, or to sell, hypothecate, alienate, convey, let or lease the same at pleasure, subject always to the by-laws of the said Corporation lawfully enacted ; provided always that the said Corporation shall not hold permanently more real estate than shall be required for its use and occupation, but the said Corporation shall sell any real property other than that required for its use and occupation within five years after the same shall have come into its possession.

3. The capital, over and above what is required for the use, establishment and maintenance of the said Corporation, shall from time to time be invested in Government securities of the Dominion of Canada or of the Province of Quebec.

4. The said Corporation shall have power to act as an agent for the sale, either by public auction or private sale, of all articles, goods or wares consigned to it for sale, and to make a reasonable charge therefor, under such by-laws as shall be formally and legally enacted by the said Corporation.

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5. The affairs and business of the said Corporation shall be managed by such officers and committees, and under such restrictions touching the powers and duties of such officers and committees as shall be from time to time appointed by by-laws regularly and legally enacted.

6. The said Corporation may make such regulations and by-laws as they shall deem expedient for the administration and government of the said Corporation, not contrary to law or to this Act, and may repeal or amend the same from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as may be prescribed to that end by such by-laws.

7. The regulations and by-laws of the said Society, not being contrary to law or to this Act, shall be the by-laws of the said Corporation until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid.

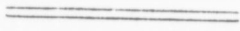
8. Until others are elected according to the by-laws of the said Corporation, the present officers and committee of the Society shall be the officers and committee of the said Corporation.

9. No member of the said Corporation shall be individually liable for any debt incurred by the said Corporation for all or any of the purposes authorized by this Act.

10. If at any time there is a failure to hold an annual meeting, or to elect officers and committees of management at the time or times appointed, the said Corporation shall not be thereby dissolved, but such election shall be made within the then current year at a general meeting of the Corporation called for that purpose, and the officers and committee then in office shall continue as such until their successors are appointed.

11. The said Corporation shall have its head office in the city of Montreal, but branches may be established in any or all cities, towns or villages in the Province of Quebec, with the necessary officers and committees for the management of the same.

12. This Act shall come into force the day of its sanction.



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CONSTITUTION.

I.

This Society shall be called the "Montreal Society of Decorative Art."

II.

The objects of this Society are to establish a place for the exhibition and sale of sculpture, paintings, wood-carvings, lace-work, high-class needle-work, china and decorative art work of every kind; to encourage profitable industries among all classes by furnishing instructions in art needle-work and decorative work, distributing information by means of teachers, books and journals; to enable many, who are forced by adverse circumstances to use their accomplishments as a means of support and who object to publicity, to dispose of their handiwork at a fair value.

III.

Any lady paying an annual subscription of \$5 may be a member of this Society after nomination at one weekly meeting, and confirmation of the same by ballot and separately for each candidate, the next monthly meeting. She shall have the right to vote and be eligible to office, provided, however, that she shall have signed the "Constitution" and "By Laws" and have been a member for a period of not less than six months, with no arrears.

IV.

This Society shall be governed by a General Committee of members, consisting of not less than twenty, from whom the Executive Committee shall be elected. All vacancies occurring in the General Committee shall be filled by election at a regular meeting of the Committee.

V.

The Officers of the Society shall be, two Honorary Presidents, one President, three Vice-Presidents, one Secretary, one Treasurer.

The officers, together with 10 members, shall constitute an Executive Committee. The Officers and General Committee shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of members, and shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year and until their successors are elected. Officers shall be *ex-officio* members of all standing committees.

VI.

The *President* shall preside at all meetings of the Society, shall nominate the chairwoman of all standing and special committees, shall call special meetings at discretion, and shall have the object and general good of the Society in charge.

VII.

The *Vice-Presidents*, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, in order named, shall, in the absence of the President, perform the ordinary duties of the President. Vice-Presidents are eligible as chairwomen of standing and special committees.

VIII.

The *Secretary* shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, of the General and Executive Committees, and of all

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events affecting the general interests of the Society, and be responsible for the issuing of all notices of meetings of the Society, and conduct all correspondence other than that assigned to the Lady Superintendent.

IX.

The *Treasurer* of the Society shall collect all fees and contributions, and shall disburse the funds only upon the order of the President or Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society in books, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the officers; shall present a monthly report to the General Committee, and an annual report to the Society, duly audited. The Treasurer shall also supervise the accounts of the Lady Superintendent of the Rooms.

X.

There shall be an Advisory Council of gentlemen, residents of Montreal. Their duty shall be to further the objects of the Society, and to meet and advise with the Executive Committee at such time and place as the latter may appoint.

XI.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at any regular or special meeting of the General Committee, written notices having been sent of the proposed change to all members one week previous to such meeting.

XII.

The fiscal year of the Society shall date from 1st May.

BY-LAWS.

I.

All elections shall be made by ballot.

II.

At a meeting of the General Committee, *seven*, including the office-bearers, shall form a quorum ; at an Executive Committee, *three*.

III.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Society to receive the report of the Committee, and to elect officers in May, notice thereof being given at least eight days before.

IV.

There shall be a meeting of the General Committee held on the first Monday of every month, and the Executive Committee weekly on Monday ; also a Semi-annual Meeting of all members of the Society in November or December, to keep up interest in the work done.

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The Executive Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the General Committee at any time, notice to be sent to the members eight days before.

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Twenty of the ordinary members shall have power to call a Special Meeting of the General Committee by sending a signed notice to the Secretary at least a fortnight before the time desired for the meeting, the Secretary to give notice to the Executive Committee immediately on receipt of such requisition.

VII.

Matters of importance shall be decided by vote of the General Committee at a meeting regularly or specially convened; in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, it shall be competent for the General Committee to fill such office provisionally until the next annual meeting; but in the event of circumstances occurring needing prompt and immediate action, the Executive Committee has power to act on its own responsibility.

VIII.

All business to be discussed at a meeting to be proposed through the presiding officer, such questions to be handed in, in writing, before the business of the day commences; she shall declare the decision and have a casting vote.

To prevent confusion and ensure attention, all remarks must be addressed to the presiding officer.

IX.

All members have the privilege of admitting articles for sale at the rooms of the Society, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and rules of the Society's Constitution, and shall be entitled to be charged ten per cent. on sales made.

X.

With a view to the assistance of ladies in reduced circumstances, it is intended to admit work not strictly art work, if superior of its kind and presented through a member, and also to exhibit for sale china, paintings and articles of value, provided however, that, if objection is made by any member of the Executive Committee, the question shall be decided by a vote of the majority.

XI.

Articles placed in the rooms, and remaining unsold or unclaimed for six months' time, can, after being duly advertised, be sold for the benefit of the Society, in whatever manner the Executive Committee may see fit to arrange, according to conditions specified on the printed receipt given to contributors. All agreements with employees to be made in writing.

XII.

These By-Laws to be amended at any meeting of the General Committee, provided seven days' notice be sent of the amendment to each member.

 FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Montreal Society of Decorative Art, incorporated under Act of Provincial Parliament October, 1879, the sum of _____dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer for the purposes of said Corporation.

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RULES FOR ENTRANCE OF WORK.

Color, carving, and line decoration applied in an artistic manner to furniture, to articles of household use, or to those of personal luxury, lace work, and needlework, as developed by the English School, come under the head of Art-work.

It is impossible to enumerate the articles to which the various methods of Art Decoration may be applied, as each individual may develop new applications. The Society, however, cannot too thoroughly impress upon contributors, that, if they wish for prompt and ready sales, they must expend their efforts upon articles which are saleable as well as artistic.

Any Art work of ordinary merit, excepting wax work and feather flowers, may be exhibited and sold in the rooms of the Society of Decorative Art, yet such exhibition or sale may not be construed as a mark of the Society's entire approval.

All first-class standard work offered for sale shall be stamped with some seal not easily counterfeited, as an official guarantee of its superior excellence to the general public.

Although the Society engages to give all proper attention to goods entrusted to its care, it will not hold itself responsible for loss or damage. *All articles sent to the Society for sale must be delivered free of expense, freight and express charges.*

Every article offered for sale must be represented through a member of the Society, but may be addressed to the care of the Lady Superintendent, who will submit it to the Executive Committee, subject to their approval or rejection; if not accepted, notice of its refusal will be sent within one week of its receipt to the contributor, at whose expense it must be removed.

Accepted work will be exhibited during three months, and, if then unsold, will be returned unless the Committee decide to retain it.

Wax and feather flowers, hair and leather work, splatter and splinter work and card board are too perishable and unsaleable to be accepted.

Contributors are requested to fix their prices, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. In cases when the Committee consider the price of any article lower than the market rate, it will be raised without consulting the contributor, who will receive the benefit of the increased valuation.

If an article is valued at more than the market rate, the contributor will be notified of the fact before it is put upon exhibition. Articles upon which a price has not been plainly and legibly marked will be marked by the Executive Committee.

Money received from the sale of articles will be forwarded to the contributor, with a deduction of 10 per cent. and postages, which will cover the charges of the Society. It is not necessary that a contributor should be a member of, or subscriber to, the funds of the Society.

To each article contributed for sale will be securely attached a numbered ticket, upon the reverse of which the price of the article will be plainly marked. The number of the Ticket first issued to a contributor will always represent the work of said contributor upon the books of the Society, and should be added to the name and address in all business letters addressed to the Society.

Letters can be addressed to

MISS ESDAILE,

Lady Superintendent of the Rooms of the Society of Decorative Art,

2288 ST. CATHERINE STREET.