

A SMALL GALLERY.

BUT IT IS COMPLETELY FILLED WITH
CANADIAN PICTURES.

Royal Canadian Academy Gathered the
Eighty Representative Pictures by the
Artists of the Dominion for Exhibi-
tion at the Pan-American Fair at
Buffalo—Some Fine Specimens.

(Special by Martha Craig.)

The directors of the Pan-American
Exposition could only give a small
gallery to the Canadian artists,
which they have completely filled.
Eighty pictures in all are exhibited.
The exhibit was made through the
efforts of the President of the Royal
Canadian Academy, Mr. R. Harris.
The pictures were collected by the
members of the academy. All the
expenses entailed were paid by the
academy, with the exception of a
small grant made by the Govern-
ment.

Amongst the pictures, the por-
traits by Mr. R. Harris, R. C. A.,
and Mr. W. Greer, R. C. A., are re-
markably good.

Amongst other notable pictures are
"The Bathers" by Blair Bruce, R.
C. A., of Hamilton, and "London
Bridge" by Bell-Smith, R. C. A. A
portrait of himself by Monsieur
Dyonnet, R. C. A., of Montreal, is
being very much admired. A wo-
man playing the mandolin by Mon-
sieur St. Charles, R. C. A., of Mont-
real, is a fine production. The same
may be said of Monsieur Franchere's
"Little Epicure" and Henri Beau's
"Spring."

Mr. G. A. Reid, President of the
Ontario Society of Artists, is re-
presented by some decorative panels.

Mr. S. Challoner, R. C. A., the
youngest member of the academy,
has a very fine picture at the Exhi-
bition entitled "Workers of the
Field."

The excellent work that has been
and is being accomplished by the
Canadian Academy is now widely
known and thoroughly appreciated
by the Canadian public. The im-
petus that has been given to indus-
trial art is changing gradually but
permanently the character of Cana-
dian manufacturers, such as furni-
ture, wall papers, carpets and gen-
eral decorations.

The happy idea of founding a Cana-
dian Academy was first suggested
by His Excellency the Marquis of
Lorne and Her Royal Highness the
Princess Louise.

His scheme provided for the forma-
tion of a Dominion Art Associa-
tion, having for its object the ex-
hibition of loan pictures, pictures of
artists not previously exhibited at
any Dominion Exhibition. Archi-
tectural drawings, designs for
manufacturers, and all kinds of use-
ful things for household purposes;
and that these exhibitions be held in
Ottawa, Halifax, St. John, Frederic-
ton, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and
Winnipeg. In September of the
same year His Excellency and Her
Royal Highness visited the gallery
of the Ontario Society of Artists and
presided at a meeting of the artists
in Toronto, when the project of the
formation of an academy was dis-
cussed, and the following resolution
unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that the members of
this society, having listened to the
valuable suggestions of His Excel-
lency in regard to the enlargement
of the society's usefulness by the es-
tablishment of a Royal Canadian
Academy to embrace the whole Do-
minion (leaving all present art or-
ganizations intact), desire to express
their cordial approval of His Excel-
lency's views, and also that an early
meeting of the society be called for
the purpose of taking practical steps
in that direction."

The academy was in due time or-
ganized from the Ontario Society of
Artists and the Art Association of
Montreal. The first officers elected
by His Excellency were: L. R.
O'Brien, President; M. Matthews,
Secretary; N. Bourassa, Vice-Presi-
dent; James Smith, Treasurer.

The Government of Canada gave
the most generous and cordial sup-
port to the academy and placed at
its disposal a commodious building
for its first Exhibition.

The first Exhibition proved to be
a great success. It was attended by
His Excellency. The Princess Louise
was unable to be present, but she
sent a message expressing her regret.
The members of the Government and
the Parliament were present, as well
as many of the prominent citizens,
and were much pleased by the exhi-
bition of skill and genius displayed
by Canadian artists. In sub-
sequent years great progress has
been noted. To-day the exhibit at
the Pan-American is of a high stand-
ard, and will bear favorable com-
parison with the best foreign work.

Fishing Extraordinary.

Fishing with a pickaxe is a little
out of the common order, but it
seems that big game can be caught
in that way. At least George Mor-
row found it so the other day, says
The Goderich Signal. He was haul-
ing stone from the river last Satur-
day morning, and while he was work-
ing with his pick in the river, near
the bridge, he caught sight of a
sturgeon of immense proportions. He
went after it and stuck the pick into
its head, but it got away from him,
and went some distance down stream,
carrying the pick with it and leav-
ing a trail of blood behind. He fol-
lowed it and at last landed it and
brought it up town. It weighed 92
pounds and measured 5 feet 7 inches
in length.

Lieut.-Col. Steele.
Lieut.-Col. S. B. Steele, C.B., M.
V.O., was born at Medonte, Ont.,
January 5, 1845, served in the Red
River expedition, 1870, under Colonel
(now Viscount) Wolseley; joined the
Northwest Mounted Police on its or-
ganization in 1873, as troop ser-
geant-major, and worked his way up
until he became superintendent in
1885. Since then his life has been
bound up in the development of the
west until, when Lord Strathcona de-
cided to raise and equip Strathcona's
Horse for service in South Africa,
he picked Col. Steele as the one man
best fitted for that service, a choice
which was amply justified by events
in South Africa. Col. Steele is mar-
ried to a Montreal lady, the daughter
of the late Robert Harwood, M.P.

The Newest Woman.

There is no longer any question of
what women may do, but only of
what they may not do, and there is
not much left for them to usurp. Wo-
man now does everything that man
does, and she does it as nearly like
him as possible. That, in fact, is the
special mark of the present-day wo-
man, from "Society" down to com-
fortable Suburbia. A horsey woman
was once somewhat of an oddity;
now women are all horsey, golffy,
bikely, literary, nursely, and ping-
pongy—all or one of these things,
the more the better pleased.

An Early Canadian Governor.

Sir Frederick Haldimand, an early
Governor of Canada, was a native of
Berne, Switzerland, but joined the
British army with the rank of
colonel in 1754. The war which broke
out between France and England in
the following year gave speedy em-
ployment to his talents, which had
been already proved in the service of
Sardinia and Prussia. At Ticonder-
oga, fought in 1758, he behaved with
conspicuous gallantry. A year later
saw him in charge of the important
border fortress of Oswego, which he
defended against a most obstinate
series of attacks, backed by an enor-
mous numerical superiority on the
part of the French, and thus saved
the British army, which was operat-
ing against Niagara, from being cut
off from its base of supplies. In the
siege of Montreal in 1760 he was
again recommended for bravery and
capacity. The fame of these and other
achievements, led to his appointment
shortly after as Governor of the
conquered provinces, a position
which he retained until 1785. The
records of the time are meagre, but
a reputation for severity and frequent
errors in judgment have descended to
our time and detract somewhat from
a general estimate of his career.

Young Buffalo's Escape.

The herd of buffalo at Silver
Heights was increased in number by
the arrival of a small newcomer. It
was born in a clump of trees and
bushes, but its presence was shortly
after detected by some of the herd,
and one or two of them attempted to
attack it, especially its two-year-old
brother. The mother defended it and
got it over to the fence, through
which she escaped into another en-
closure. The mother failed to get
through the fence after it, but ran
along to the gate, which Mr. Preston
promptly opened; she ran through
and the gate closed on her pursuers.
She was then out of sight of the
calf, which meanwhile had crossed an
open glade and was hidden from
sight in a covert. The buffalo cow
ran on and went some little distance
to one side, caught the scent of the
youngster in the wind, and turning
sharply, ran directly towards it. The
blissful union which ensued was still
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the latest accounts.—Virden (Man.)
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