

veyed in racks and open boxes, with LEGS UNTIED, thereby preventing much unnecessary suffering to the birds and animals, besides, at the same time improving their quality and condition when converted into articles of food.

In many cases the persons chargeable with cruelty to dumb brutes, are transgressors more through ignorance or thoughtlessness than from indifference or deliberate intention to abuse. In all such cases the Inspector remonstrates, and in doing so he has very rarely met with obstruction, and seldom has to enforce his request. When necessary a summons is promptly issued, and he endeavours to secure proper punishment of the offender in order to deter him from any subsequent acts of cruelty.

In the absence of any law limiting the number of passengers to be conveyed in public vehicles, this Council have found it impossible to prevent the overloading of street cars, particularly as in no instance of appeal to the public has any effort been manifested to aid the Society in abating the evil. In any case of injury to a horse through overloading, the Society can interfere, not otherwise. The Council would express the hope that the public will speedily awaken to the importance of this matter. A little thoughtfulness and some self-denial on their part, together with a little more accommodation at busy hours on the part of the proprietors of the Street Railway Co., will lessen this particular evil very greatly.

During the summer of 1877 the destruction of dogs impounded by the City Corporation was superintended to a great extent by the Inspector of this Society. The animals were deprived of life without pain by suffocation with fumes of charcoal. During the summer of 1878 the same attention was given to this matter and similar measures carried out.

The Council regrets that their finances have not permitted them to issue pamphlets and other publications which would be the means of extending the usefulness of the Society. They have however purchased from American Societies for distribution gratuitously as many as their means would allow. During this year it is hoped that the commercial prosperity of the country will be revived, and they hope to be able to do more in this respect.

There is much pleasure in announcing the creation of a Branch of this Society at Woodstock, Ont. A list of its office