

R E P O R T .

THE Council of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in presenting their Report, have much pleasure in announcing a very satisfactory decrease in the number of offences coming within the especial province of the Society, and may be regarded as the legitimate fruit of the workings of the organization.

It is a source of regret that many cases of cruelty, more or less public, still occur of which the Society is not cognizant, but, when it is remembered that its means enable it to employ only one Inspector to do the entire patrol work of this large City, it need cause no surprise that some of these cases escape the notice and action of the Society. An occasional letter to a newspaper, mentioning one of these occurrences, is often the only notice the Council receives, and that perhaps some time afterwards, when it is too late to investigate the matter and trace out the culprit. A timely letter to the "Secretary" or "Inspector of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," Toronto, stating the circumstance, and giving if possible, the names of the offending parties, will ensure the most prompt attention.

Among the many beneficent influences arising from the efforts to prevent cruelty to animals, the Council are gratified to report a great improvement in the condition of laboring horses, among which formerly were frequently observed sore backs and galled shoulders, now the interests of owners and the sympathies of drivers have been enlisted through the Society's influence and education, and consequently cases of this nature are now extremely rare.

In the transportation of fowls, calves, sheep and lambs to market, the Society have succeeded by persuasion and legal measures, in effecting important changes for the better. Instead of being conveyed for miles with legs tied tightly together and in many cases piled on the top of each other, as was the general case before the organization of this Society, they are now con-