

come under their notice, either to the nearest police station or at the office of the Society, or to the Superintendent, and they take this opportunity of again urging the community to further the objects of the Society by giving any information that they may receive regarding acts of cruelty.

The Superintendent has visited on several occasions the outlying country about Quebec, and destroyed cages used for trapping birds, and by these visits the evil has been greatly diminished.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

The 6th International Congress, London, England, was held in June last, and an invitation was kindly extended, though at short notice, to our Society, to send representatives to attend on the occasion, to which the Society replied that they would have the honor to be represented by Prof. Goldwin Smith, who was understood to be acting in that capacity for the Montreal and Toronto Societies, and a letter was forwarded to that gentleman, soliciting the favor of his representing our Society. Unfortunately, however, he was on the point of leaving England for Canada when the letter reached him, and regretted that he was unable to undertake the duty proposed to him. The Baroness Burdett Coutts also at the time of the Congress, offered to give an evening and garden party to the members of the Congress, and enquired if our Society would be then represented. Such meetings would tend to awaken interest among the Societies, and this Congress appears to have been highly successful. One hundred and seven delegates are reported to have been present, Lord Harrowby presiding. Various subjects were discussed in reference to animals, such as the necessity of securing better means for their transportation by sea and land, the teaching of humanity in schools, the protection of insectivorous birds, rewards to those employed in the care of animals, vivisection, laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and other subjects in connection therewith.

The Committee have to state that it being considered that the Society is of sufficient importance to obtain an Act of Incorporation, application has been made for the same, to the Local Legislature.