its mission was to be broadly educational—better laws, better methods, the development of the humane spirit in all the affairs of life. The wisdom of this choice has been fully justified by the splendid and varied work of that society since its organization.

FIRST OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following week an organization meeting was held, and the *Empire* gave this item:

HUMANE SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

A meeting of the committee to organize a Humane Society was held in the Canadian Institute at 4 p.m. yesterday, Ald. Boustead presiding. The following officers were elected: Patron, Lieutenant-Governor Robinson; honorary president, Mayor Howland; vice-presidents, Hon. S. H. Blake, Prof. Goldwin Smith, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and Mr. W. R. Brock; treasurer, Lieut. J. I. Davidson; secretary, J. J. Kelso.

Council—Messrs. Thomas McGaw, James H. Pearce, Rev. Dr. Briggs, Henry O'Brien, Ald. Boustead, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Elias Rogers, Dr. Caniff, F. E. Galbraith, Mervyn Mackenzie, J. D. Nasmith, Dr. P. H. Bryce, Ald. Harvie, J. K. Macdonald, Mrs. C. B. Grasett, Mrs. Robert Parr, Mrs. John Harvie, Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Mrs. Dr. Clapp, Miss M. C. Elliot, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. W. B. McMurrich, Mrs. McMaster, Mrs. Dr. V. T. Aikins.

DRINKING TROUGHS.

At that time there were only six public drinking fountains for horses in Toronto, and three of