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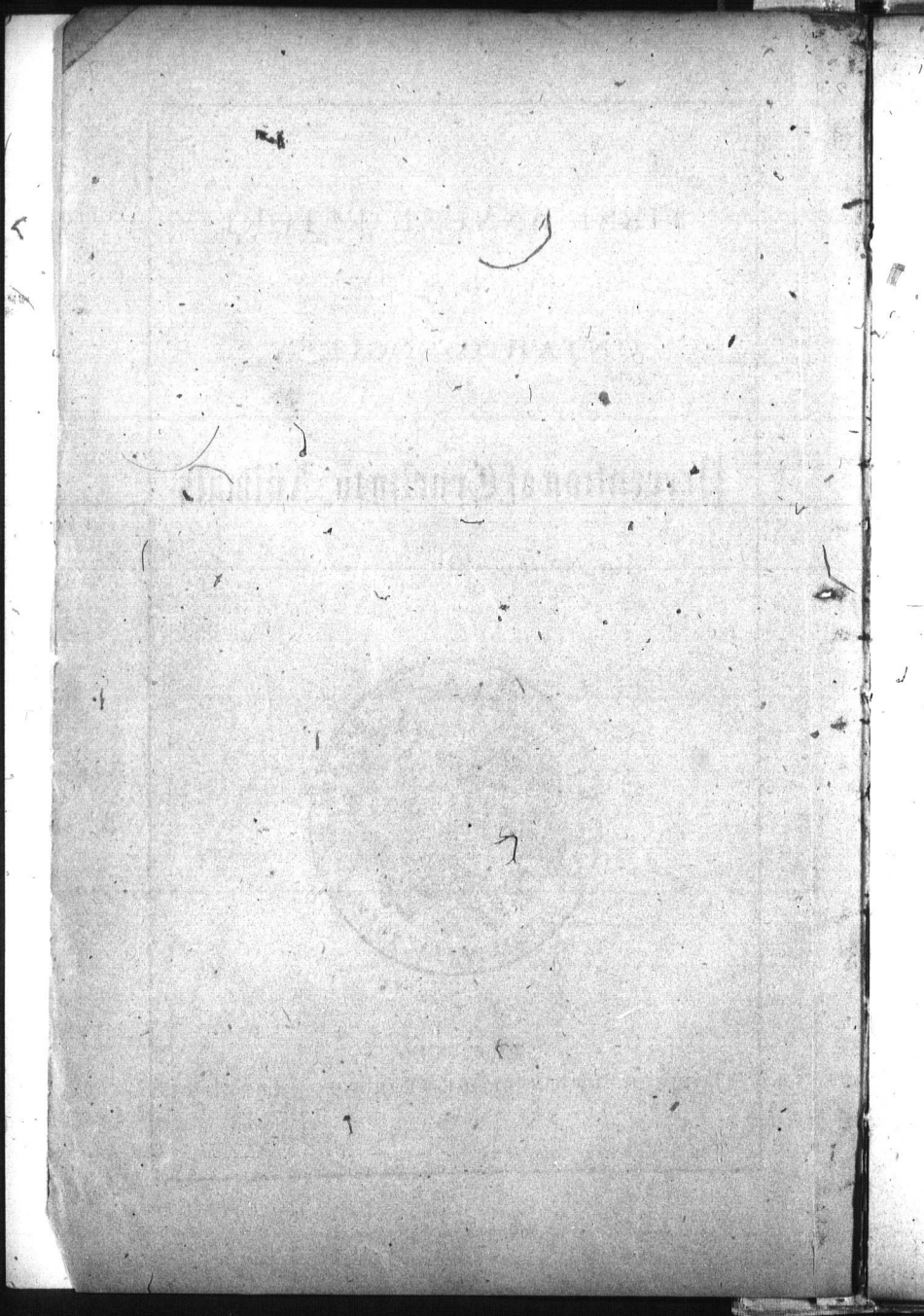
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LIEUT.-GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO.

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EX-LIEUT.-GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO.

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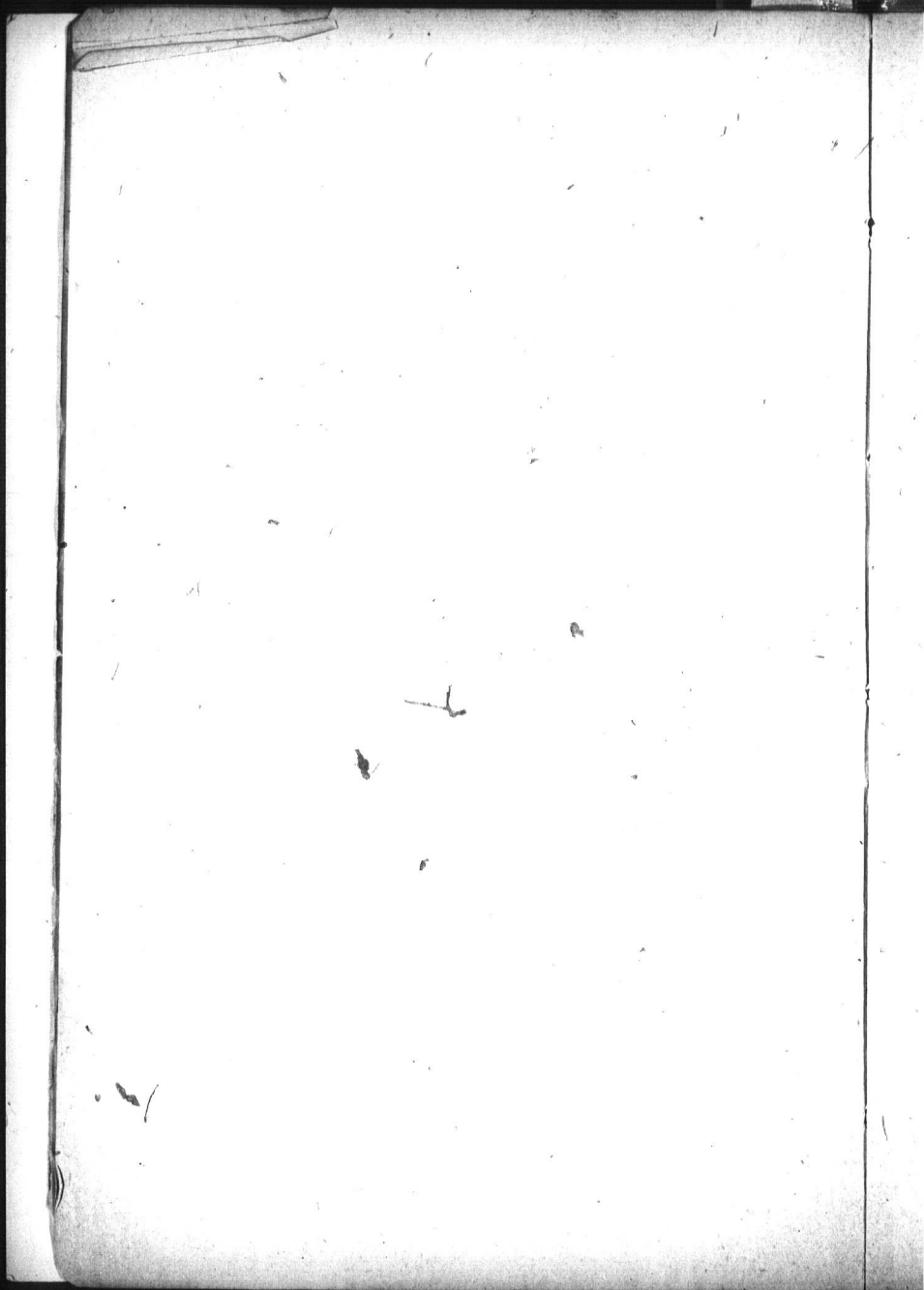
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Agent and Inspector.

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OFFICE, UNION BLOCK.



ONTARIO SOCIETY

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

IN presenting the First Annual Report of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Executive Committee beg leave to remind their friends that in its organization they are only following an example set by the mother country, and already successfully adopted in Boston, New York, Chicago, Buffalo, and other American cities, as well as in Montreal and Quebec.

The object of the Society may be stated to be the protection of helpless animals from the cruelty of man, and men themselves from the brutalizing effects which such cruelty begets. Our daily wants necessitate the depriving of animals of life for the requirements of the table. To this, as a necessity of our being, no objection can be offered; but to every rightly constituted mind it must be felt as a moral obligation to see that the creatures which are thus made to minister to our daily wants shall be protected from all needless suffering. By thoughtless indifference more frequently than by deliberate cruelty, a large amount of wasteful suffering is inflicted in the process of transporting sheep and cattle to our markets. Cattle are overcrowded in trucks, exposed to heat and thirst, or overdriven on the road. Calves, sheep, and poultry are kept for many hours with their legs tied, their heads hanging down,

alike under the extremes of heat and cold, without any provision of food or water. Not only is a large amount of suffering thus inflicted, but animal food is thus impaired, and the public health affected thereby. So obvious is this, that already some of our leading butchers acknowledge the beneficial results of this Society's operations even in an economical point of view.

A brief review of the operations of the Society during this, its first year, will best enable the public to judge of its value. The first aim was to ascertain and give publicity to all existing laws designed to restrain cruelty to animals. Placards were posted in the markets, railway stations, and public thoroughfares, and handbills distributed, stating the penalties imposed by law on all acts of cruelty.

After careful consideration, Mr. J. T. Harcourt was selected from a number of candidates as the Society's officer, and experience thus far confirms the Committee in their belief that he is worthy of confidence for his discretion and efficient fulfilment of the duties entrusted to him. Much of the needless suffering inflicted on the lower animals is traceable to thoughtlessness, or to the inconsiderate persistence in practices that have been long unchecked; and in the majority of such cases remonstrance and judicious interference suffice to check the evil. In all such cases the officer is instructed to bring moral suasion to bear, and only to resort to prosecution when other means have failed. But in cases of deliberate cruelty, and in all brutal sports, such as dog or cock-fighting, he is authorized to bring the offenders before the Police Magistrate.

Nineteen cases of exceptional cruelty have been prosecuted before the Magistrate, in fourteen of which convictions have been secured. These included the driving or overworking of horses lamed, or suffering from sores; malicious shooting or otherwise maltreating dogs, cock-fighting, &c. In one case, for example, a man was prosecuted for throwing a dog

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out of a fifth-storey window in Front Street, and a penalty and costs inflicted amounting to \$14. Fifty-two cases of working horses with galled shoulders and backs have been dealt with—by remonstrance with the drivers, appeal to the masters, or, in extreme cases, by prosecution. In more than one case the appeal to the masters has resulted in their thanking the Society for the interference of its officer. One extensive coal merchant writes, on 20th Oct.: "I received your letter informing me of the ill-treatment of my teams by one of my teamsters. I am very thankful for the information, and will have a watch on him. I read your letter to him, and it made him feel ashamed of himself. He acknowledged his guilt, and promised it would be the last time."

In like manner drivers and owners have been remonstrated with, and warned not to employ galled, sick, and lame horses; and masters have been informed of cases of overloading and overdriving by their teamsters. In three cases, old, blind, and lame horses which had been cruelly turned adrift by their owners in winter, were mercifully deprived of life by the Society's officer when in a state of starvation. Twenty cases of cruel tying of the legs of lambs, sheep, and calves, and nineteen of exposure and cruel tying of the legs of poultry, have been dealt with. Eighteen cases of working lame horses, four of cruel lashing, or otherwise ill-using horses, twelve of calves gagged, two of cruelty to pigs, and one of barbarous cruelty to a fox, have all received the special attention of the Society, and been either checked or punished.

The Society has been met from time to time, in its appeal for the necessary funds to carry on the work in which it is engaged, with the assertion that there is no field for its operations, as cruelty to animals is wholly exceptional, and of the rarest occurrence in this community. The above facts, setting forth the results of only a few months' experience in their work, have satisfied the Committee that, on the contrary, there

is abundant room for such a society. A humane consideration for the sufferings of our dumb fellow-creatures has yet to be impressed on the minds of the young. Acts of thoughtless cruelty by boys are by no means rare. For example, two boys were recently met, coming from the Cemetery ravine, with a number of frogs impaled on a stick. The wanton destruction of small birds annually practised, only to throw away the victims of such thoughtless deeds of cruelty, illustrates the same need for inculcating a respect for life, and a kindly sympathy with the happiness of even the meanest of God's creatures. By such practices, if unchecked, habits of cruelty are formed which affect the whole character, and may be legitimately assigned as the cause of some at least of the violence, domestic tyranny, or brutal conduct in various relations of life, which give evidence of such depravity.

One means, therefore, which the Society purposes to employ for accomplishing the end in view, is the diffusion of information both as to the extent of the evils which it seeks to remove, and the means by which they may be prevented or cured. In this they have been aided thus far by the liberality of the Massachusetts Society, to whom they are indebted for the generous gift of upwards of two thousand pamphlets, tracts, and handbills, drawing attention to various needless sources of suffering, and to the means for preventing it, which have been distributed among ostlers, teamsters, butchers, and others in need of such appeals. The Society is also indebted to the American Society, New York, for presenting an electro of an emblem to be used on its printed documents. A public lecture was also given under the auspices of the Society by G. T. Angell, Esq., President of the Boston Society, in which much useful information was communicated in reference to the methods successfully employed in the United States for preventing cruelty to animals, and for educating public opinion so as to enlist it heartily in the cause. Special thanks

are due to Mr. Angell for his services, rendered gratuitously, for the promotion of the objects which the Society has in view.

In the work thus inaugurated the Society earnestly invites the co-operation of the public. Already they have pleasure in reporting that in various quarters—as in the public markets, and amongst employers of draught horses, cab proprietors, &c.—where their operations were at first watched with some jealousy, the judicious interference of the Society's officer has been followed by such manifest benefit as to lead to a frank acknowledgment of the value of the service rendered. Steps have been taken to induce railway companies to frame better regulations for the transport of animals, and for providing them with food and water, and to exercise a greater oversight on their servants in reference to the overcrowding of cars. Remonstrance has also been made, though as yet with no satisfactory result, on the overcrowding of the street cars. Daily, at certain hours, and especially towards six P.M., the street cars may be seen crowded on every available spot of passage and platform, thereby involving a cruel overloading of the horses. This is equally contrary to law and to all humane conduct. But the Superintendent of the Street Railway Company throws the blame upon the public; and while that is no adequate excuse for an infringement of the law, it is obvious that a well-regulated public opinion would not only check this evil, but would compel the proprietors, in their own interest, to provide additional cars at the stated times when they are most in demand.

Thus far the experience of the Society has afforded abundant evidence of its need. Its office is open daily from 2 to 5 P.M., where the officer is in attendance to deal with all cases brought under his notice. Already upwards of 200 cases of cruelty have come under the direct agency of the Society. The expense incurred in starting the requisite organization includes the renting and furnishing an office, and the salary of an

efficient officer, along with the printing of handbills, &c. This, the Committee believe, will in future years demand a sum of from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The return for this is the consciousness of having largely contributed to diminish the amount of cruelty and wasteful suffering inflicted on the lower animals; and by preventing savage sports, and such practices as tend to foster habits of cruelty, to arrest the moral degradation which is their inevitable result.

The Society earnestly invites the co-operation of every humane citizen, and in a special manner hopes to receive that practical aid which, in England and alike in the neighbouring States, ladies have rendered to similar societies. The object must commend itself to every humane and Christian mind; and the useful results which have followed from the operations of similar societies elsewhere, as well as the amount of good already effected by the present Association during the brief period it has been in existence, encourage us to perseverance.

The Managing Committee trust, therefore, that their exertions thus far will meet with public approval, and that such liberal support will be accorded to them as will enable the Society to prosecute its work with full efficiency.

The Society have to thank the ladies of the various auxiliary and women's branch societies in the United States for pamphlets and information regarding the arrangement of their committees, &c., and trust it may not be long till there is an effectual kindred association established in this city, where its workings are so badly needed, and would be of such great service to this Society.

The AGENT for the Society presents a summary of the work done during eleven months, from the 1st of August, 1873, to the 1st of July, 1874 :

Whole Number of cases on complaint book of the Society,	213
Working galled Horses.....	52
Carrying Calves, Lambs, and Sheep with legs tied.....	20
Carrying Poultry with legs tied.....	20
Working lame Horses.....	18
Calves' Mouths tied.....	13
Overloading.....	12
Overdriving.....	6
Cruelly Beating Horses.....	4
Malicious shooting of Dogs.....	2
Abandoning old Horses.....	3
Cock-fighting.....	1
Cruelty to a Fox.....	1
Kicking a Dog.....	1
Throwing a Dog out of a five-storey window.....	1
Putting Coal Oil on a Rat and then setting fire to it.....	1
Cruelty to Pigs.....	2
Failing to provide proper Food and Shelter.....	6
Number of Prosecutions.....	19
Number of Convictions.....	14
Number discharged or withdrawn.....	5
Old Horses turned adrift by their owners, and mercifully destroyed.....	3
2,000 Pamphlets, Tracts, &c., distributed.	
Stables visited and many cases of cruelty checked by the Officer's presence on the streets of our city.	

OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY:

UNION BLOCK, TORONTO STREET.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1874.

Dr. G. H. WILSON, Treasurer, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. *Cr.*

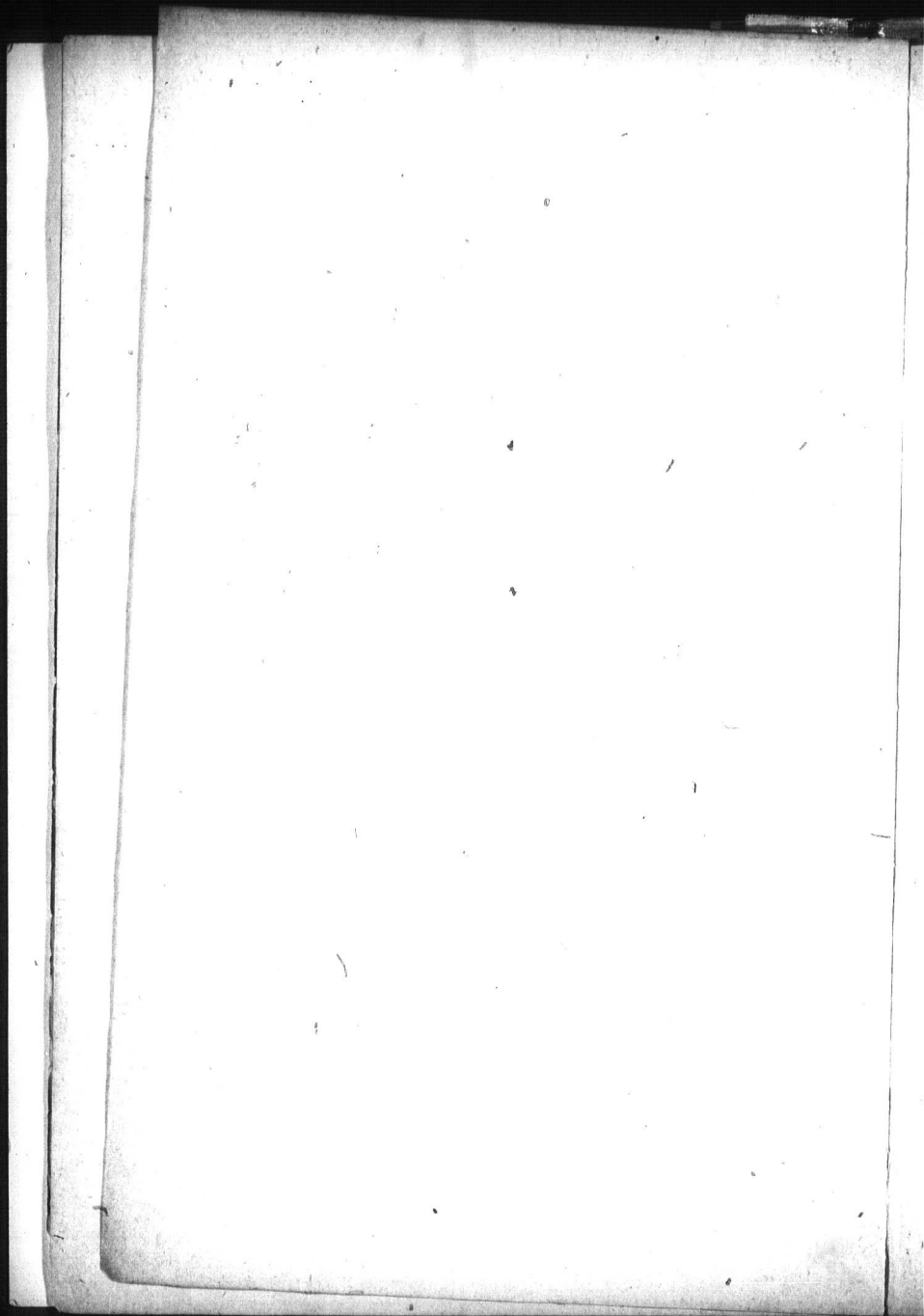
Contributions by Members and Subscribers,	\$632 50	By Salary of Agent for eleven months ending 30th June, 1874,	\$550 00
Proceeds of Lecture delivered by G. T. Angell, Esq., of Boston,	54 00	" " " " Hotel Bill and Cab Hire during his stay in Toronto,	42 00
Animals in Montreal, towards defraying the travelling expenses of G. T. Angell, Esq.,	13 00	" " " " Rent of Music Hall.—G. T. Angell's Lecture,	15 00
Proceeds of Professor Wilson's Lecture,	99 00	" " " " Globe Printing Co.'s Account for Printing and Advertising,	101 64
Rent received from Mr. Richmond for use of Office,	18 00	" " " " <i>Mail</i> ,	23 50
Proceeds of Loan of \$400 obtained on account of the Society,	392 72	" " " " <i>Six</i> Newspaper,	12 25
		Office Furniture,	55 91
		" Stationery,	21 72
		" Post Office Box and Keys,	3 59
		" Postage and Telegrams,	8 48
		" Express Charges,	4 00
		" Paid Bill Poster,	11 55
		" Coal,	20 61
		" Office Rent,	90 00
		" Councils' fees,	8 00
		" J. McCasland—Account for Paintings,	14 00
		" Plan of Music Hall,	1 50
		" Caretaker,	17 00
		" Sundries,	10 35
		Balance in hands of Treasurer,	147 21
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LIST OF
MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

Allan, Hon. G. W.....	\$12 00	Cox, J. & W.....	\$2 00
Anonymous, Belleville.....	3 00	Canniff, Dr.....	2 00
Awde, R.....	2 00	Chapman, Jas.....	2 00
Arnott, D.....	2 00	Campbell, W.....	2 00
Andrews, A. O.....	2 00	Clarke, H. E.....	2 00
Adam, G. M.....	2 00	Craig, T. D.....	2 00
Arthurs, Wm.....	2 00	Cooper, Jas.....	2 00
Anderson, W.....	2 00	Coleman, Geo.....	2 00
Alexander, W.....	1 00	Coleman, J. E.....	2 00
Adamson, W., & Co.....	1 00	Coatsworth, E.....	2 00
		Carter, Jno.....	2 00
		Cowan, D.....	2 00
Bryce, Murich & Co.....	10 00		
Briggs, S. R.....	12 00	Dixon, B. H.....	5 00
Bray, Josias.....	7 00	Dunbar, R.....	2 00
Baldwin, Rev. Canon.....	5 00	Donald, R.....	2 00
Blake, S. H., Vice-Chancellor..	5 00	Dobbie, J. A.....	2 00
Bostwick, A.....	2 00	Dwight, H. P.....	2 00
Brown, A.....	2 00	Darling, Rev. W. S.....	2 05
Brown, J. G.....	2 00	Draper, F. C.....	2 00
Bird, W. J.....	2 00		
Baines, C. C.....	2 00	Elgar, Thos.....	7 00
Bain, Jas.....	2 00	Elliot, W.....	2 00
Brown, Jno.....	2 00	Elliot, W.....	2 00
Bugg, Jno.....	2 00	Edwards, Wm.....	1 00
Brunt, G.....	2 00	Ellis, Geo.....	0 50
Britton, Jas.....	2 00		
Brandon, Jno.....	2 00	Fulton, Michie & Co.....	10 00
Butler, W. B.....	2 00	Fisken & Co., Jno.....	5 00
Butland, R. B.....	2 00	Fisher, A.....	2 00
Brown, Jno.....	2 00	Fisher, T. W.....	2 00
Burns, Jno.....	2 00	Fraser, Jas.....	2 00
Bond, Jno. P.....	2 00	Foster, Jno.....	2 00
Buchanan, W. J.....	2 00	Ford, Mrs. Martha.....	2 00
Brown, R.....	2 00	Flynn, T.....	2 00
Brown, Jno.....	2 00	Fulton, A. J.....	2 00
Boyd, G. J.....	2 00	Fuller, Rev. Archdeacon.....	2 00
Boyd, J. A.....	2 00	Farrell, S. W.....	2 00
Baker, Rev. F.....	2 00	Friend, A.....	1 00
Boustead, J. B.....	2 00	Friend, A.....	0 50
Bland, Jno.....	2 00		
		Gzowski, C. S.....	10 00
Crawford, Hon. Jno., Lt.-Gov..	10 00	Gooderham & Worts.....	10 00
Childs & Co.....	2 00		

Grassett, Very Rev. Dean.....	\$7 00	McMaster, Bros.....	\$10 00
Galbraith, W.....	2 00	McLean, D.....	7 00
Grahame, H.....	2 00	McGee, D.....	5 00
Gardner, Jno.....	2 00	May & Co.....	2 00
Gilmor, J. C.....	2 00	McNabb & Marsh.....	2 00
Gilmor, R.....	2 00	Mason, W. T.....	2 00
Goulding, G.....	2 00	Mead, J. H.....	2 00
Goulding, Mrs.....	1 00	Moore, C.....	2 00
Gearing, Jos.....	2 00	Morse, C. S.....	2 00
Gillespie, Jno.....	2 00	Mills, R., Jun.....	2 00
Griffith, R. J.....	2 00	Macdonald, A. H.....	2 00
Givens, Rev. S.....	2 00	Mitchell, Jno.....	2 00
Gordon, Jno.....	2 00	Merryfield, R.....	2 00
		Myles, Wm.....	2 00
Howland, Hon. W. P., C. B....	5 00	Mason, J. H.....	2 00
Heward, Sph.....	5 00	Maguire, F.....	2 00
Henderson, Alex.....	3 00	Macdonald, H.....	2 00
Hughes Bros.....	2 00	McDonough, J.....	2 00
Hunter & Rose.....	2 00	McMaster, A. R.....	2 00
Hewitt, W.....	2 00	McCaul, Rev. Jno.....	2 00
Hague, Geo.....	2 00	McCrosson, J.....	2 00
Harcourt, Geo.....	2 00	McKenzie, C.....	2 00
Haldane, B.....	2 00	McCord, A. T., Sen.....	2 00
Hessin, W.....	2 00	Morphy, E. M.....	1 00
Hallam, Jno.....	2 00	McDonald, J. G.....	1 00
Hooper, E.....	2 00	Machar, A. M., Kingston.....	1 00
Hime, H. L.....	2 00	McCausland, Jos.....	1 00
Hamilton, W., Sen.....	2 00		
Hall, Wm.....	2 00	Nescio-quis.....	10 00
Hay & Co., R.....	1 00	Nordheimer, A. S.....	5 00
Harding, Geo.....	1 00	Nasmith, J. D.....	2 00
Hellewill, Mrs.....	1 00		
		Oldright, Dr. W.....	2 00
Irving, A. S.....	2 00		
		Patterson, Jno.....	2 00
Janes, J. R.....	2 00	Page, C.....	2 00
Jones, —.....	2 00	Page, C. J.....	2 00
		Patterson, Jas.....	2 00
Kiely, W. T.....	2 00	Priestman, J.....	2 00
King, J. D.....	2 00	Peach, A. E.....	2 00
Knowlton, W. H.....	2 00	Playfair, J. S.....	2 00
Kingston, F. W.....	2 00	Piddington, A.....	2 00
Kerr, Wm.....	2 00	Patterson, J.....	2 00
Kewon, R. J.....	1 00	Palmer, E. J.....	1 00
Laird, R. W.....	2 00	Renston, T. (Georgetown).....	5 00
Loundesbrough, T.....	2 00	Ridout, Aikenhead & Crombie.....	2 00
Lyman, B.....	2 00	Rowell & Hutchison.....	2 00
Lewis, G. W.....	2 00	Reeve, Dr.....	2 00
Levalle, F. H.....	2 00	Reeve, Mrs.....	1 00
Leys, Jno.....	2 00	Ramsey, W.....	2 00
Lumbers, Jno.....	2 00	Robinson, Jas.....	2 00
Lamb, D.....	2 00	Rooney, N. J.....	2 00
Lee, T. H.....	2 00	Robertson, Jas.....	2 00
		Riddell, Jno.....	2 00
Macdonald, Jno.....	22 00	Robinson, Hon. J. B.....	2 00

Rolph, J. T.....	\$2 00	Thorne, Parsons & Co.....	\$2 00
Ryerson, Rev. E.....	2 00	Tully, R.....	2 00
Ross, Jno.....	2 00	Trout, Edwin.....	2 00
Rutledge, F.....	2 00	Trout, Mrs.....	1 00
Rose, Rev. S.....	1 00	Taylor & Son.....	1 00
		Trees, S.....	1 00
St. George, H. Q.....	7 00	Topp, Rev. A., D.D.....	1 00
Smith & Keighley.....	2 00		
Smith, Jno. C.....	2 00	Vernon, H.....	2 00
Smith, A. & S.....	2 00		
Smith, Goldwin.....	2 00	Wilkes, Robert, M.P.....	12 00
Sykes, Jos.....	2 00	Walker & Son.....	10 00
Simmers, J. A.....	2 00	Wilson, Prof., D.....	7 00
Smith, J. W.....	2 00	Wood, S. G.....	2 00
Smith, J. B.....	2 00	Willing, R. B.....	2 00
Samuel, L.....	2 00	Williamson, W.....	2 00
Shields, Jas.....	2 00	Walton, B.....	2 00
Snarr, Jno.....	2 00	Wragge, E.....	2 00
Spry, D.....	2 00	Wyld, J.....	2 00
Scadding, C. A.....	2 00	Walker, Jos.....	2 00
Stayner, S.....	2 00	Wey, Jos.....	2 00
Stayner, Mrs. S.....	1 00	Warwick, Wm.....	2 00
Simpson, Jno.....	2 00	Walton, G. A.....	2 00
Smith, Hon. Frank.....	2 00	Wilson, G. H.....	2 00
Sinclair, Jas.....	2 00	Wilson, William.....	2 00
Shaw, Col.....	1 00	Wickson, Jno.....	2 00
		White, G. H.....	1 00
Thompson, J. B.....	2 00	Wanless, J.....	0 50
Turner, Jno.....	2 00	Woodcock, A.....	0 50
Tompson, W.....	2 00		



ONTARIO SOCIETY
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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 9, 1874.

THE First Annual Meeting of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held on the above afternoon in the building of the Young Men's Christian Association—Professor Wilson, the President, in the chair.

Among those present were: Hon. W. P. Howland, Hon. G. W. Allan, Mr. T. Sutherland Stayner, Rev. F. H. Marling, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Rev. J. M. Cameron, Dr. Canniff, Messrs. T. W. Fisher, R. Awde, and W. J. Bird.

The first business of the meeting was, the reading of the Annual Report by the Secretary, Mr. Frank Rutledge.

Hon. W. P. HOWLAND expressed great pleasure at the Report which had just been read, as it showed that the Society had been very effective immediately after its organization. He regretted, however, that it had been found necessary to borrow money. The public would only need to be fully informed of the objects sought to be attained in order to lead them generously to sustain the Society. He moved the following resolution:

“That the report just read be adopted; and, as it appears from the facts therein set forth, that through the agency of this Society, many reprehensible practices in the treatment of dumb animals have been put an end to—and in some cases of individual cruelty, offenders have been promptly brought to justice—this meeting is of opinion that the work in which the Society is engaged is a most praiseworthy one, and is deserving of the hearty and generous support of the citizens of Toronto.”

The Rev. Mr. MARLING, in seconding the resolution, said the pre-

sent was the first meeting of the Society which he had been able to attend, although he had been invited to several of them. No one could doubt the excellence of the purpose which led to the formation of the Society. Indeed, the principles upon which it was based were so universally conceded, that the Society lacked public attention being called to it on account of its not meeting with any opposition, which often tended to make the members of any association work more ardently than they otherwise would do. He had been very much impressed in observing the habits of young people. He did not know whether this country was anything especial in this respect, but certainly there was a great deal of cruelty to animals practised by the young people of this country. The principle began in very early life, and he could not fail to be very much struck with the tendency to wanton destructiveness displayed, not only with regard to animal life, but to everything else. He might instance the shade trees, which had many misfortunes to bear up against, after the citizens had gone to great trouble and expense in planting them. These young people delighted to disfigure public buildings, as, for example, the railings of one of the most beautiful structures in Toronto—Osgoode Hall. Although this building was a source of pride to the city and an object of admiration to strangers, yet, for some reason or other, every corner stone of the handsome railings had pieces chipped out of it. This could not be done to gratify personal spite, but was simply owing to a wanton passion for destroying something. The latter examples could not be called cases of cruelty to animals, but they arose from the same tendency and habits of mind. He could not analyze it, but the fact was certain that there was a strong disposition in young people to destroy or injure something. It appeared to him that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals should direct its efforts to educating to some extent the young people of the city into a thoughtful, reasonable, gentle, and Christian-like habit with respect to this matter. If the attention of parents, and both day and Sunday-school teachers were also directed to it, they might exercise a most important influence in winning over the young to the objects of the Society, and in helping to carry them out. If, on the other hand, habits of wanton destruction and cruelty were cherished in early life,

the heart and conscience would grow callous, and would continue so all through life. The acts of cruelty which offended the sight of the public were rendered possible by early indulgence; and he would recommend that some means be taken for the instruction of the young in the principles of the Society. He was very glad to see that so much had been done. As the Society was one of prevention, he would understand that the two hundred or so cases mentioned in the Report as actual complaints were far from representing all the good which had been accomplished. By any action of the Society in prosecuting cruel persons, public attention was drawn to the matter, and a healthy state of feeling thereby caused, and much indirect good accomplished. He could not but regard it as one of the most important elements of education, in training the young to treat the lower orders of creation with kindness. He seconded the resolution with much pleasure.

The Report was then unanimously adopted.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. MACDONNELL, and seconded by Mr. T. S. STAYNER :

"That the thanks of the Society are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers of the Society for their valuable services during the past year, and particularly to the retiring President, Professor Wilson, LL.D., who has been most untiring in his efforts on behalf of the Society, aiding its funds very materially by means of his lecture and other personal exertions; and to Mr. Elgar, the late Secretary, who, with Professor Wilson, has been identified with the Society since its inception, rendering it most valuable service up to the time of his departure from the city."

It is to be hoped that the Society will be met liberally by our citizens in their desire to increase the subscription lists. The object is good and deserving, and the amount asked is small, so that all can give. Subscriptions may be sent to G. H. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer, Bank of Montreal; or to Frank Rutledge, Hon. Sec., Box 453. The Committee and the Inspector will commence their canvass at once.

The following gentlemen were then elected Office-bearers for the ensuing year :

Patrons.

HIS EXCELLENCY EARL DUFFERIN, K.C.B.,
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA.

THE HONOURABLE JOHN CRAWFORD,
LIEUT.-GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO.

President.

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