

THE S. P. C. A.

Annual Reports of
Pres. Partridge and
Sec'y. Sampson.MUCH QUIET WORK DONE
FOR PROTECTION OF
DUMB BRUTES.Society's Claims for Pub-
lic Recognition—The
Board of Officers.

Among the various organizations in the community the claims of the society for prevention of cruelty to animals must not be overlooked. That many phases of cruelty formerly practised have been checked and abated will be admitted. The society in this city could doubtless enlarge its borders if there was a deeper interest manifested by the general public. In his address upon the work of the past year the President, Dean Partridge, who always takes a deep and practical interest in the work of the society, said that "the year of the society's operations just past has been characterized by quiet, watchful and effective work. There is no longer so much need of bringing cases of alleged cruelty into the police court. The public generally are aware that the society exists and has large powers under a just and beneficent law, and that there will be no weakening in its administration. It is accordingly in most cases only necessary to show that the observant eye of the society has been turned upon individual instances of cruelty to animals of any kind, to secure at least outward and manifest compliance with the dictates of humanity. Our efficient secretary, Mr. C. A. Sampson, has had large experience, is patient and yet quick to act; and the directorate of the Fredericton branch has full confidence in him. We only wish it was in our power to adequately remunerate him for his services. The cause has been greatly strengthened by the formation of Bands of Mercy in the public schools. We have enlisted on our side the warm affections of hundreds of children, who, with the full sympathy of the teachers, are being trained in merciful consideration of the dumb creation. Their bright faces when spoken to of the society's work, and the joy with which many of them wear their badges, are a constant reminder in countless homes. A watchful eye is kept upon them, a constant encouragement is given them by the officers of the society, and little visits are made to the younger children by the President and others which keep alive the spirit of chivalry which it is so essential to maintain among them. Altogether, although there have been few cases which called for police interference, much good continues to be done, and the work of the Fredericton branch may be considered to be in a healthy condition. The contributions to this fund have not been large, but we have a credit balance. The officers and directors continue as during the past year.

Secretary's Report.

In presenting his annual report, Mr. Sampson spoke of the nature of the work accomplished by the society during the year. While the extent of the work may appear somewhat meagre, yet in view of the many disadvantages under which the work is prosecuted, a remarkable lot of suffering has been relieved and many forms of cruelty lightened. Some persons are, at times, inclined to be harsh in criticising work that is done or in the secretary overlooking work that should be done; it should not be forgotten the practical work devolves upon one man, and upon his shoulders rests the full responsibility of his acts, and the abuse to which he is sometimes subjected is not mitigated by any remuneration. This is not sought after, for there is always a satisfaction obtained from relieving suffering in the dumb creation. During the year many letters were received from friends of the society giving information respecting cases requiring attention in country districts as well as in the city. Most of these were anonymous notes, but we don't object to that while the information is reliable. It is much to be regretted that numerous complaints were made against the usually affable men who drive the city hacks. They have been charged with overdriving and with neglecting to blanket their

horses while awaiting the arrival of trains. They blandly receive admonition and promise to do better—and some of them do. In the early part of the year I found it necessary to introduce one of the drivers to the police magistrate charged with overdriving, and His Honor imposed a fine of ten dollars and costs upon him. Only two cases were formally entered in the police court. The other was a charge against a teamster who went off and got drunk and left his team, though blanketed, exposed to the weather one very cold night. For this carelessness the police magistrate recorded a fine of ten dollars and \$2.50 costs against him. The owner of an unfortunate horse usually seen about Phoenix Square, has caused the secretary to receive more telephone messages and anonymous letters than from any other person in the county. "Why don't you kill the poor brute?" "Why don't you make the owner feed him?" and numerous other questions are hurled at the official from promiscuous sources. One gentleman, who is not a member of the society, volunteered a generous subscription towards the purchase of the horse, but the required balance was not obtained. During the year this horse was three times ordered off the streets, once for an extended period. Many cases have engaged the attention of the secretary and at times difficult problems were grappled with, but as before stated, only two cases were taken into the police court. In the opinion of some persons the court is not appealed to as often as the exigencies of conditions would demand, but this is a matter of opinion. Five horses, in addition to those mentioned, were ordered laid up on account of lameness, sore shoulders, etc. Many letters of warning were written to persons in city and country, and with the desired effect. In some localities cattle are not yet as comfortably housed as they should be, but each year improvements are being enforced. Considerable attention was given to the shipment of cattle by steamers during the summer season, and we find that both owners and shippers are still very careless respecting proper plans for feeding and watering cattle while enroute to market. The dangling rope from the horns of many of the brutes tells a tale of horn and hoof tying, but it seems impossible to obtain proof of this cruel practice from persons living along the roads over which the cattle are driven. Of late we do not find the dumb brutes thus tortured in the city. Several complaints were received against parties for overdriving horses, and in every instance enquiry was instituted and caution administered. However, swift driving does not by any means always come within the category of cruel overdriving. A horse is sometimes as anxious to speed along the highway as is his driver to let him go. For the safety of pedestrians this is a dangerous practice to be allowed within the city. Scarcely a year passes without one or more horses being humanely killed on account of age or suffering. Last spring a horse held by an Indian was out of misery by shooting. There are cases of under feeding and over working occasionally being discovered, but compared with ten years ago there is a very marked improvement. Among the smaller animals and birds some instances of cruelty are still being discovered, but in comparison with former days these cases are rare. Frequent complaints about dogs, as well as their owners, required some attention, but very often these did not come within scope of the society's control. One of these cases is still unsettled and is the complaint against a resident in a country parish for having scalded a neighbor's dog, the dog at the time being on the premises of the person charged. The society is indebted to the many friends in city and country who have kindly supplied information and thus materially assisted in alleviating cruelty in various forms. To the police magistrate, the police officers and city marshall, much credit is due for counsel and assistance during the year. While there has been no general meeting among the Bands of Mercy, the members may be seen in the public schools and elsewhere wearing their badges thus displaying before their associates a willingness to assist in preventing the cruel treatment of God's dumb creatures. During the year there was received from the sale of certificates and buttons the sum of \$23.23. There is at present to the credit of the society in the Peoples' Bank \$35.51.

The officers and directors of the Fredericton society are:—

President—Very Rev. Dean Partridge.
Vice-president—J. H. Barry, K. C.
Legal Adviser—J. D. Poinney, K. C.
Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. A. Sampson.
Directors—J. J. Weddall, Hon. P. G. Ryan, Dr. Creed, Willard Kitchen, Havelock Coy, A. H. Vanwart, Mathew Tennant, L. C. Macnutt, W. H. Norton-Taylor.

Oranges Cheap.

This is the orange season. G. T. Whelpley is selling the very best Valencia Oranges at 15 cents per dozen.—A.

LAZY MAN'S PARADISE.

The Women Are the Hard Workers
In the West Indies.

On market day in the West Indies thousands of peasant women and girls can be seen walking along the roads to the town from their palm thatched huts in the mountains and woods. They carry on their heads immense loads of bananas, oranges, yams, plantains, brown sugar or tobacco, stepping along at the rate of four miles an hour with the gait of a princess.

Constant carrying of heavy loads gives them a splendid carriage. They will walk forty miles to market to sell 30 cents' worth of produce. Often they could sell the same stuff for a better price at their homes, but they enjoy the merry company on the road and the fun and gossip of the market place too much to give up their weekly jaunt. Most people think such a tramp hard work, but they regard it as a picnic. Tramping along over rough mountain tracks, fording swift rivers, tugging fractious mules in the way that they should go, these women never let their loads fall. They could dance a jig without dropping them.

Meanwhile the men folk, who have not even taken the trouble to sow or harvest the crops, much less carry them to market, are sleeping in the palm thatched hut or lying down in the yam patch outside and smoking the strong native tobacco.

"On my estate," said a coffee planter to an American friend, "I employ about 600 people in the busy seasons. The women outnumber the men by more than two to one and do far better work, though they are only paid 18 cents a day as compared with the men's 24 cents. The difference in wages is most unfair, but it is regulated by an iron bound custom."

Jungle Housekeeping.

The negro housewife in the West Indian jungle finds housekeeping very easy. Fruit and vegetables grow wild all about the hut, and the river abounds with fish.

On wash day all she has to do is to pick a few of the berries of the soapberry tree, take her clothes to the river and use the berries as she would use ordinary soap. Even her cooking pots grow on the trees, the calabash cut in halves being used for this purpose. Calabashes are used also for bowls, basins and jugs for carrying water from the river, while the small ones make excellent cups.

In the afternoon, when she is ready for her cup of tea, the negress picks half a dozen leaves from the lime bush growing at her door, boils them, squeezes the juice from a sugar cane for sweetening, and the cocoanut supplies the milk. Thus she has a delicious cup of tea without depending on the grocer for it.

She makes the mats for her floor out of the dried leaves of the banana, plaited and sewed together, as the old country people in this country make their rag mats.

After crosses and losses men grow humbler and wiser.—Franklin.

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A. H. F. RANDOLPH,
President,
Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 22, 1904.—dtf

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

TENDER FOR BUILDINGS AT
STELLARTON, N. S.

Separate sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside "Tender for Shed for Wrecking Crane" or "Tender for Car Repair Shop," as the case may be, will be received up to and including **MONDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1904** for the construction of a Shed for Wrecking Crane and a building for Car Repair Shop at Stellarton, N. S.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Station Master's office at Stellarton, N. S., and at the office of the Chief Engineer, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

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Railway Office, Moncton, N. B.,
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Public meeting in the St. John Opera House at 8 p. m.

ALL LIBERALS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AS DELEGATES

Hon. H. R. Emmerson,

Minister of Railways and Canals

Will be in attendance at the Convention, and with other speakers will address the public meeting in the evening.

Standard Convention Certificates will be issued by all Railways in the Province on payment of one fare rate. Certificates to be used for return trip when signed by C. J. Milligan, Secretary. Tickets good going 10th and 11th, good for return up to midnight of the 12th inst.

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C. J. MILLIGAN,
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ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having any claims against the estate of Joanna Estabrooks, late of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, widow, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, to Havelock Coy of the said City of Fredericton, Barrister at-Law, within three months from this date, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the said Havelock Coy.
Dated this 7th day of January, A. D., 1904.
GEORGE FREDERICK GILMORE,
Administrator of the estate of Joanna Estabrooks, deceased.
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