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6. MENAGERIE.

The number of animals belonging to the first three classes of Vertebrates living in the Society's Menagerie at the close of 1876 was 2265. The corresponding number on the 31st of December, 1875, was 2205, as will be seen by the subjoined Table:—

	December 31.		Comparison.
	1875.	1876.	
Quadrupeds.....	626	637	Incr. 11
Birds	1340	1405	Incr. 65
Reptiles	239	223	Decr. 16
	2205	2265	Incr. 60

The total number of registered additions to the Menagerie in 1876 was 1219, of which 533 were acquired by presentation, 316 by purchase, 171 were bred in the Gardens, 172 were received on deposit, and 27 obtained in exchange.

The mode in which these figures compare with those of previous years is shown in the subjoined table:—

	Presented.	Purchased.	Born.	Deposited.	Received in Exchange.	Total.
1870.	386	529	100	218	40	1333
1871.	496	434	138	129	50	1287
1872.	460	527	195	110	52	1344
1873.	483	457	191	231	188	1530
1874.	425	296	214	242	25	1202
1875.	559	557	156	143	43	1458
1876.	533	316	171	172	27	1219

The most noticeable event connected with the Menagerie in 1877 was the deposit in the Gardens of the fine collection of Indian animals belonging to the Prince of Wales.

This collection consisted of the following animals:—

I. MAMMALS.

- 2 Green Monkeys (*Cercopithecus callitrichus*).
- 2 Rhesus Monkeys (*Macacus erythraeus*).
- 5 Tigers (*Felis tigris*).

- 7 Leopards (*Felis pardus*).
- 1 Cheetah (*Felis jubata*).
- 1 Viverrine Cat (*Felis viverrina*).
- 1 Indian Civet (*Viverricula indica*).
- 4 Tailless Dogs (*Canis familiaris*, var.).
- 3 Tibetan Mastiffs (*Canis familiaris*, var.).
- 2 White Dogs (*Canis familiaris*, var.).
- 2 Indian Wild Dogs (*Canis primærus*).
- 1 Himalayan Bear (*Ursus tibetanus*).
- 1 Sloth Bear (*Melursus labiatus*).
- 4 Indian Elephants (*Elephas indica*).
- 6 Domestic Sheep (*Ovis aries*).
- 2 Thar Goats (*Capra jemlaica*).
- 4 Shawl-goats (*Capra hircus*, var.).
- 8 Indian Antelopes (*Antilope cervicapra*).
- 2 Zebus (*Bos indicus*).
- 2 Spotted Porcine Deer (*Cervus minor*).
- 3 Axis Deer (*Cervus axis*).
- 2 Musk Deer (*Moschus moschiferus*).

II. BIRDS.

- 1 Grey-winged Blackbird (*Turdus pæcilopterus*).
- 2 Wedge-tailed Pigeons (*Treron sphenura*).
- 5 Domestic Pigeons (*Columba domestica*).
- 8 Surat Doves (*Turtur suratensis*).
- 1 Black Francolin (*Francolinus vulgaris*).
- 2 Hill-Francolins (*Arboricola torquola*).
- 4 Chukar Partridges (*Cacabis chukar*).
- 15 Impeyan Pheasants (*Lophophorus impeyanus*).
- 21 Chcer Pheasants (*Phasianus wallichii*).
- 2 Pucras Pheasants (*Pucrasia macrolopha*).
- 4 White-crested Kaleeges (*Euplocamus albocristatus*).
- 3 Bankiva Jungle Fowl (*Gallus bankiva*).
- 10 Horned Tragopans (*Cerionis satyra*).
- 5 Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*).
- 3 Ostriches (*Struthio camelus*).

The Collection arrived in May, 1876, in excellent order, under the charge of our Assistant Superintendent (Mr. Clarence Bartlett), who in 1875 had received special leave of absence from the Council, for the purpose of accompanying the Prince of Wales during his Indian tour as

Zoological Collector. The Collection remained, it is needless to say, a source of very great attraction to the Fellows of the Society and to the visitors to the Gardens throughout the summer, and tended very materially (as has been already stated) to increase the Garden receipts.

The Council wish publicly to express the obligations which are due from the Society to His Royal Highness for having placed the Collection under their charge, the result having been, as has already been pointed out, a very considerable increase of the number of visitors to the Gardens, and a marked augmentation of their general popularity.

Moreover, of the animals mentioned above, the Prince of Wales was pleased to present to the Society two Tigers, two Leopards, an Elephant, two Antelopes, and two Tragopans. And the Council have great pleasure in announcing that The Prince of Wales has consented to accept the Society's Gold Medal, which they have unanimously agreed to offer to His Royal Highness in acknowledgment of the valuable services thus rendered to the Society.

A special sum of £600 was devoted in 1876 to the acquisition, from Mr. W. Jamrach, of a female Sumatran Rhinoceros, which had remained on deposit in the Gardens since the preceding July. This acquisition raised the number of these animals now living in the Society's Collection to five, belonging to five different species, as will be seen by the following List of Rhinoceroses which have been exhibited in the Society's Collection since its first institution:—

1. *Rhinoceros unicornis*, Linn. Indian Rhinoceros.

- a. Male. Purchased, May 28, 1834. See P. Z. S. 1834, p. 41, and Trans. Zool. Soc. iv. p. 31. Died Sept. 19, 1849.
- b. Female. Purchased July 5, 1850. Died Dec. 14, 1873.
- *c. Male. Presented by A. Groto, Esq., F.Z.S., July 25, 1864. See P. Z. S. 1864, p. 373.
- d. Female. Brought from Calcutta by the Society's Collector, July 25, 1864. Sent in exchange to the Jardin des Plantes, June 20, 1865.

2. *Rhinoceros sondaicus*, Cuv. Javan Rhinoceros.

- *a. Male. Purchased March 1, 1874.

* The specimens marked with an asterisk are still living.

3. *Rhinoceros lasiotis*, Sclater. Hairy-cared Rhinoceros.
 - **a.* Female. Purchased, Feb. 14, 1872. See P. Z. S. 1872, p. 185 et p. 493, pl. 23.
4. *Rhinoceros sumatrensis*, Cuv. Sumatran Rhinoceros.
 - a.* Female. Deposited, Aug. 2; purchased, Aug. 21, 1872. Died Sept. 21, 1872. See P. Z. S. 1872, p. 794, pl. 67, et P. Z. S. 1873, p. 92.
 - **b.* Female. Deposited, July 14, 1875. Purchased, June 21, 1876.
5. *Rhinoceros bicornis*, Linn. Two-horned Rhinoceros.
 - **a.* Purchased, Sept. 11, 1868. From Upper Nubia. See P. Z. S. 1868, p. 529, pl. 41.

A beautiful set of water-colour drawings, representing these five animals, has been made by Mr. Wolf. These are faithfully reproduced as illustrations to an article by the Secretary on the Rhinoceroses living in the Society's Gardens, which forms the eleventh and concluding part of the ninth volume of the 'Transactions,' lately issued to the subscribers.

LIST OF ANIMALS WHICH HAVE BEEN BRED IN THE GARDENS OF THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY BETWEEN THE 1ST OF JANUARY 1876 AND THE 1ST OF JANUARY 1877.

MAMMALS.

- 1 Bonnet Monkey (*Macacus radiatus*).
- 1 Macaque Monkey (*Macacus cynomolgus*).
- 2 Collared Fruit Bats (*Cynonycteris collaris*).
- 2 Cuming's Octodons (*Octodon cumingi*).
- 4 Chinchillas (*Chinchilla lanigera*).
- 1 Hairy-rumped Agouti (*Dasyprocta prymnolopha*).
- 3 Wild Boars (*Sus scrofa*).
- 1 Mouflon (*Ovis musimon*).
- 1 Thar Goat (*Capra jemlaica*).
- 2 Elands (*Oreas canna*).
- 1 Zebu (*Bos indicus*).
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ -bred Zebu (between *Bos indicus* and hybrid *Bos frontalis*).
- 1 Japanese Deer (*Cervus sika*).
- 1 Molucca Deer (*Cervus moluccensis*).