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PARKS AND AVENUES.
No 1.—People's Park.

PEOPLE'S PARK, 10th JUNE 1878.

To

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Acting President, Municipal Commission,

Madras.

Sir,

In submitting my annual report, I beg to state that no changes have taken place in the People's Park during the year 1877-78.

GRASS.

During the year under review, 4,076 squares of ground was ploughed, manured and planted with grass roots at a cost of Rupees 350, and when the grass had sufficiently sprung up, it realized by sale a sum of Rupees 863-15-5. As the growth of grass in a great measure depends upon the extent of irrigation available, it may be here mentioned that a portion of the land ploughed, measuring 386 squares has been watered by the Red Hills water by means of a Ball Hydrant, while the other portion solely depended upon the rain for its supply of water. The two tanks, which I stated in my last report, were being deepened, having been filled with water during the heavy rains of May 1877, the work of deepening them therefore could only partially be carried out.

REPAIRS OF BUILDINGS.

The only building that underwent any repair during the year was the Elephant's shed, from which certain portions of masonry work were removed and iron spikes substituted in lieu thereof as being of a much more substantial character and consequently better suited to withstand any attempt at destruction.

ZOOLOGICAL.

The receipts under this head were very good from April to 1st August 1877. This circumstance is mainly attributable to the addition to the Zoological Collections of an Orang-outang which drew to the Park a great many people from all parts of Madras. The Orang-outang was imported from the Zoological Gardens of Calcutta and was obtained in exchange for a young Lioness. Un-

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List of Animals and Birds in the People's Park in 1877-78.

| No. | English Names. | Scientific Names. |
|-----|--|----------------------------------|
| 2 | Lions | } <i>Felis Leo.</i> |
| 1 | Lioness | |
| 2 | Tigers | <i>Felis Tigris.</i> |
| 1 | Leopard or Cheetah, male | } <i>Felis Leopardus,</i> |
| 1 | " " female | |
| 1 | Black Panther... .. | <i>Felis Pardus (Niger).</i> |
| 2 | Spotted " | <i>Felis Pardus.</i> |
| 2 | Striped Hyenas | <i>Hyana Vulgaris.</i> |
| 2 | Common Porcupines | <i>Hystrix Cristata.</i> |
| 2 | Bears (Juggler) | <i>Prochilus Ursinus.</i> |
| 1 | Malay Bear | <i>Prochilus Malayanus.</i> |
| 1 | Rhinoceros | <i>Rhinoceros Unicornia.</i> |
| 1 | Elephant (Asiatic) | <i>Elephas Indicus.</i> |
| 24 | Rabbits | <i>Lepus Cuniculus.</i> |
| 21 | Common Cavy or Guinea Pigs | <i>Cavia Coblana.</i> |
| 2 | Jungle Cats | <i>Felis Catus Ferus.</i> |
| 1 | The Rusty Spotted Cat | <i>Felis Rubiginosa.</i> |
| 3 | The Common Tree Cat | <i>Paradoxurus Musanjx.</i> |
| 2 | Civet Cat | <i>Viverra Civetta.</i> |
| 1 | Opossum | <i>Didelphis.</i> |
| 2 | White Rats | <i>Mus Decumanus.</i> |
| 1 | Axis or Spotted Deer | <i>Axis Maculatus.</i> |
| 1 | Rangoon Deer | <i>Burman Cervus.</i> |
| 1 | Sambar | <i>Cervus Aristotelis.</i> |
| 2 | Jackals | <i>Canis Aureus.</i> |
| 1 | Ratel | <i>Ratelus Mellivorus.</i> |
| 1 | Wild Boar | <i>Sus Scrofa.</i> |
| 1 | Sacred Abyssinian Baboon | <i>Cynocephalus Hamadryas.</i> |
| 3 | Lion-like Monkeys or Wanderoo | <i>Macacus Leoninus.</i> |
| 1 | Hawk | <i>Falconide.</i> |
| 1 | Indian Antelope | <i>Antelope Bezoartica.</i> |
| 2 | Pig-tailed Monkeys | <i>Macacus Nemestrinus.</i> |
| 1 | Ceylon Bonnet Monkey | <i>Macacus Pileatus.</i> |
| 12 | Common Monkeys | <i>Macacus Cercopithecus.</i> |
| 1 | Antelope | <i>Antelope Cercicapra.</i> |
| 1 | Starred Tortoise | <i>Tortudo Elegans.</i> |
| 1 | Elk | <i>Cervus Alces.</i> |
| 1 | Adjutant | <i>Leptoptilos Argala.</i> |
| 2 | Pelicans | <i>Pelecanus Onocrotalus.</i> |
| 3 | Pea-cocks | } <i>Pava Cristatus.</i> |
| 7 | Pea-hens | |
| 5 | Jungle Fowls | <i>Megapodius Tannius.</i> |
| 5 | Black Swans | <i>Oxyanus Atrofus.</i> |
| 1 | Guinea Towl | <i>Numida Melanotis.</i> |
| 1 | White-breasted Water Fowl | <i>Gallinula Phœnicurus.</i> |
| 6 | Malta Pigeons | } Pigeons. |
| 17 | Lucknow Pigeons | |
| 11 | Common Pigeons | |
| 1 | Concal | <i>Centropus Ruffenslandii.</i> |
| 2 | Emu | <i>Dromonias Nova Hollandia.</i> |
| 3 | Greater Sulphur-crested Cockatoos | <i>Ptilotophus Galerius.</i> |
| 1 | Pacific Gull | } <i>Larus Canus.</i> |
| 6 | Brown Headed Gulls | |
| 1 | Heron (common) | <i>Ardea Cinerca.</i> |
| 2 | Koels | <i>Eudynamis Orientalis.</i> |
| 3 | Partridges | <i>Francolinus Vulgaris.</i> |
| 10 | Doves | <i>Turtur.</i> |
| 1 | Sarus | <i>Orus Antigone.</i> |
| 2 | Mottled Wood Owl | <i>Syrnium Ocellatum.</i> |
| | Rose-headed Parakeets | <i>Palœornis Rosa.</i> |
| 2 | Rose Hill Parakeets | <i>Platycereus Eximius.</i> |
| 2 | Little Lorrakeets | <i>Trichogloana Psuillus.</i> |
| 3 | Rose-ringed Parakeets | <i>Palœornis Torquatus.</i> |
| 8 | Spotted Munia | <i>Munia Undulata.</i> |
| 1 | Bald-headed Vulture | <i>Otogyps Calvus.</i> |

APPENDIX V.

PARKS AND AVENUES NO. 1.—PEOPLE'S PARK.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the People's Park from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.

| RECEIPTS. | Amount. | | DISBURSEMENTS. | Amount. | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----|--|---------|----|
| | Rs. | P. | | Rs. | P. |
| Proceeds of sale of Hay and Grain | 1,148 | 11 | Establishment | 4,094 | 14 |
| Finger Collections. | 4,995 | 7 | Feeding Bullocks of the Park | 114 | 8 |
| Swimming Bath | 186 | 5 | Carts, Bandles, &c., for the Band-stand on Band-days | 77 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 257 | 3 | Cutting and weeding | 542 | 4 |
| | | | Maintenance of Zoological Collection and Establishment. | 3,760 | 13 |
| | | | Swimming Bath Establishment | 13 | 11 |
| Met from the Municipal Fund | 3,448 | 11 | | | |
| | 7,757 | 4 | <i>Improvements.</i> | | |
| | | | Repairing Wild Animals' Cages | 48 | 0 |
| | | | Gates and Railings | 154 | 6 |
| | | | Seats at the Band-stand. | 6 | 0 |
| | | | Carts, Piccottahs, Boats and fixing handles for Pick axes, &c. | 47 | 9 |
| | | | Monkey-boxes, Deer-fence, &c. | 5 | 0 |
| | | | Pigeons' and Cockatoos' Cages, Aviary and Rabbit-Shell. | 441 | 11 |
| | | | Farm Building | 183 | 9 |
| | | | Rhinoceros' Enclosure and Piccottah | 41 | 8 |
| | | | Elephant Shed | 75 | 6 |
| | | | and painting Antelope Enclosure | 100 | 2 |
| | | | Cook-house near the Surgeon's Quarters | 29 | 6 |
| | | | Masonry Pillar of ornamental value at the Band-stand | 5 | 0 |
| | | | Wild Boars-fence | 5 | 0 |
| | | | Kerosene Oil. | 532 | 0 |
| | | | Removing Stone-ware Fence round the Swimming Bath | 10 | 10 |
| | | | Constructing a Well near the Swimming Bath | 37 | 15 |
| | | | Birds purchased. | 24 | 0 |
| | | | Clothing to Constables and Peons | 110 | 8 |
| | | | Fifty Sickles supplied from the Stores | 28 | 0 |
| | | | Ploughing and manuring | 520 | 0 |
| | | | Erecting Tatty Privy | 48 | 9 |
| | | | Sundries | 139 | 11 |
| Total Receipts... | 11,205 | 15 | Total Disbursements... | 11,205 | 15 |