

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

OF THE

MADRAS MUNICIPALITY

FOR

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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

SUMMARY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON THE PARKS.**People's Park.**

The following contracts were let for the year :—

	RS.	A.	P.	
Managerial collections	211	1	0	per month.
Swimming Bath collections... ..	11	0	0	„
Lease of Productive Trees	27	11	3	for the year.
Unirrigated Grass	875	0	0	for 1 year & 4 months ending 31-3-87.
Plying Pleasure Boats	705	0	0	for 2½ years ending 31-5-88.

2. Ornamental walls were erected at the entrances to the Parks in the room of the railings which were removed—an improvement has thus been made at the entrances. The alligators' old cistern near the Veterinary gate was repaired and covered by a netting and a fountain fixed in the centre of it for the accommodation of the Monitor Niloticus.

3. The aviary and alligators cistern were put in thorough repair. Red Hills water was laid on to the Band Stand.

4. Crotons and other foliage plants were purchased for Rs. 47-12-0 and placed round the Band Stand.

5. 75 trees of various kinds were removed from the Park Nursery for planting on road sides.

6. I regret to report that an European lad was accidentally drowned in the swimming bath in June 1885. Two life-buoys have since been procured to prevent similar accidents.

7. The annual Fair was held in the Park from 30th December 1885 to 2nd January 1886.

8. The Bands of the 28th Regiment N. I. and Madras Volunteer Guards played on alternate Saturdays, and the latter on alternate Wednesdays also. The electric light was used on Saturdays, and Rs. 34-13-0 were collected for entrance to the Band Stand enclosure during lighting.

9. The following list shows the state of the Zoological collections in the Park at the beginning and end of the year under review :—

No.	English Names.	Latin Names.	At beginning of the year.	Decrease.			Increase.	Total.
				By death.	Ex. change, &c.			
CLASS I—MAMMALIA.								
ORDER XIII—QUADRUMANA.								
1	Sacred Abyssinian Baboon ...	<i>Cynocephalus Hamadryas.</i>	1	0	0	0	1	
2	Lion-like Monkey or Wanderer ...	<i>Macacus silenus</i>	1	0	0	0	1	
3	Pig-tailed Monkey ...	<i>Macacus nemustrinus.</i>	1	0	0	0	1	
4	Black Monkey ...	<i>Macacus radiatus (Niger)</i>	1	0	0	0	1	
5	Common Gibbons ...	<i>Hylobates Lar</i>	1	1	0	0	0	
6	Ceylon Monkey ...	<i>Macacus radiatus</i>	1	1	0	0	0	
7	Common Monkeys ...	<i>Macacus radiatus.</i>	10	4	0	4	10	
8	Lemur ...	<i>Loris gracilis</i>	1	0	0	0	1	

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ORDER IX—CARNIVORÆ.							
9	Lioness	... Felis Leo	...	1	0	0	1
10	Tigressess	... } Felis tigris	... }	2	0	0	2
11	Tiger Cubs	... }	... }	0	0	0	3
12	Black Panther	... Felis pardus (Niger)	...	1	0	0	1
13	Panther	... Leopardus varius	...	1	0	0	1
14	Leopards	... } Felis leopardus	... }	2	0	0	2
15	Leopard Cub	... }	... }	0	0	0	1
16	Black Bears, Juggler	... Prochilus Labiatus	...	0	0	0	2
17	Striped Hyenas	... Hymna strinata	...	7	2	0	5
18	Tiger Cat	... Dasyurus maculatus	...	0	0	0	1
19	Civet Cats	... Viverra Malaccensis	...	2	0	0	2
20	Jungle Cats	... Felis chaus	...	1	0	0	1
21	Tree Cats	... Paradoxurus musanga	...	3	0	0	3
22	Wolf	... Canis lupus	...	1	0	0	1
23	Wolf Cubs	... Canis lupus	...	2	1	0	2
24	Dogs	... Canis familiaris	...	2	0	0	2
25	Ratol	... Mellivora Indica	...	1	0	0	1
26	Otter	... Lutra vulgaris	...	0	1	0	1
ORDER X—RODENTIA.							
27	Porcupines	... Hystrix Cristata	...	2	0	0	2
28	Squirrel	... Sciurus vulgaris	...	0	1	0	1
29	Rabbits	... Lepus cuniculus	...	50	0	0	50
30	Cavy or Guinea Pigs	... Cavia Cobaya	...	20	0	0	20
ORDER VI—UNGULATA.							
<i>Section B. Artiodactyla.</i>							
31	Rangoon Deer	... Axis macalatus	...	1	0	0	1
32	Common Deer	... Axis macalatus	...	38	0	0	38
33	Antelopes	... Antelope Cervicapra	...	11	0	0	11
34	Nylghau	... Antelope (Portax) picta	...	0	0	0	1
35	Sambar	... Rusa Aristotellis	...	2	0	0	3
36	Hill Goats	... Capra hircus	...	2	0	0	2
<i>Section B. Perissodactyla.</i>							
ORDER VIII—PROBOSCIDEÆ.							
37	Elephant	... Elephas Indicus	...	1	0	0	1
38	Rhinoceros	... Rhinoceros Indicus.	...	1	0	0	1

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CLASS II—AVES.							
<i>(Birds.)</i>							
ORDER VII—RAPTORES.							
39	Vulture, Griffon	Vulture fulvax	1	1	0	0	0
40	Eagle	Aquila	1	1	0	0	0
41	Owl	Burnia nyctea	1	1	0	0	0
ORDER VI—JUSSORES.							
<i>Sub-order III—Cathartes.</i>							
42	Rice Bird	Loxia oryzivora	1	0	0	0	1
ORDER V—SCANSORES.							
<i>(Zygodactyli)</i>							
43	Cockatoos	Phylolophus	2	1	0	0	1
ORDER IV—RACES.							
44	Pascocks	Pavo cristatus	2	0	0	0	2
45	Pea Hens		3	0	0	0	3
46	Guinea Fowls	Munida meleagris	2	0	0	0	2
47	Jungle Fowls	Megapodius tumulus	4	0	0	0	4
48	Pigeons	Columba intermedia	40	0	0	0	40
ORDER II—GALLATORES.							
49	Crane	Grus gigantea	1	0	0	0	1
50	Heron's Night	Nycticorax griseus	2	0	0	0	2
51	Stork	Ciconia	1	0	0	0	1
ORDER I—NATATORES.							
<i>(Anseres.)</i>							
52	Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	1	0	0	0	1
53	Black Swans	Cygnus atratus	2	1	0	0	1
CLASS III—REPTILIA.							
ORDER IV—CROCAVILIA.							
54	Crocodiles	Crocodylus palustris	5	0	0	0	5
ORDER III—LACERTALIA.							
55	Monitor	Varanus Niloticus	1	0	0	0	1
ORDER III—OPHIDEA.							
<i>(Serpente.)</i>							
56	Rock Snake	Python	1	0	0	0	1