

REPORT
OF THE
HONORARY COMMITTEE
FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN
FOR THE YEAR 1905-06.



Calcutta:
THE BENGAL SECRETARIAT BOOK DEPOT.

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1906.

[*Not for sale.*]

keen interest in its welfare and development. The following gentlemen resigned their membership prior to their departure from India :—

Mr. J. C. R. Johnston.

Sir Patrick Playfair, Kt.

Mr. G. O. Ranger.

The following new members were appointed during the year :—

Mr. W. K. Dods.

Dr. Nelson Annandale.

Colonel G. M. Porter, R.E.

THE GARDEN.

2. The most important event of the year was the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales on the 1st January 1906. Her Excellency the Countess of Minto accompanied Her Royal Highness.

ESTABLISHMENT.

3. Rai R. B. Sanyal Bahadur, c.m.z.s., was in charge of the Garden and Menagerie throughout the year.

As indicated in the last year's report, the Government of Bengal, on the application of the Committee, placed the services of Assistant Surgeon Pasupati Mitra, M.B., at their disposal for training as the future Superintendent of the Garden. But the Government of India having refused to accord sanction to the transfer, Assistant Surgeon Pasupati Mitra reverted to his substantive appointment at the Medical College, Calcutta.

by their teachers, were admitted free. On the day of the Fancy Fair about 10,000 people, including complimentary ticket-holders, entered the Garden.

E. HAROLD BROWN,
Honorary Secretary.

R. W. CARLYLE,
President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report on the state of the Menagerie of the Garden.

The following comparative tables show how the various collections of animals in the Garden stood during the last four years:—

YEAR.		Mammals.	Birds.	Reptiles.
1902-03	...	504	810	246
1903-04	...	464	842	238
1904-05	...	450	855	266
1905-06	...	432	772	281

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES'S COLLECTION.

The leading event of the year was the transportation and reception of the following animals belonging to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales:—

1 Young rhinoceros.	1 Cream coloured barking deer.
1 Do. elephant.	2 Musk deer.
1 Tiger.	3 Burhel sheep.
2 Tiger cubs.	2 Tahrs.

2 Leopards.
 2 Himalayan bears.
 3 Sambur deer.
 2 Swamp deer.
 2 Nilgais.
 2 Uryals.
 2 White barking deer.

1 Tibetan dog.
 1 Four-horned antelope.
 3 Spotted deer.
 2 Hog deer.
 4 Slender weasels.
 5 Indian antelope.
 Pheasants, partridges and
 thrushes.

Special arrangements had to be made for their lodgment in the Garden prior to their departure to the Zoological Society's Garden, London. The task of conveying such a large number of animals from Raxaul on the Nepal Frontier to Calcutta, especially as some of them were extremely susceptible to unfavourable weather conditions then prevailing, was by no means easy; but, owing to the facilities kindly afforded by the Bengal and North-Western and East Indian Railway Companies, it was satisfactorily performed.

ACQUISITIONS.

The Government of Egypt having made a present of three young African lions to the Government of India, the latter in their turn presented them to this Garden. Writing about these lions, Captain S. S. Flower, Director, Zoological Garden, Ghizeh, said that they were all wild bred, young and very good tempered, and were of the celebrated Kordofan race which attains to a larger size than most races of African lions.

When sending the lions, at Lord Cromer's request, to the Government of India, Captain Flower took the oppor-

Name of animal.	Disease.	Treatment and diet.	Result.
Indian Rhinoceros.	Obstinate constipation caused by the accumulation of foreign matters (packing paper) in the large intestine.	Castor oil and rock salt in large doses.	Recovery.
Clouded Leopard.	Paralysis ...	Nitrate of silver grs. ii, concealed in meat, morning and evening.	Ditto.

COLLECTION OF ANIMALS.

It is time to consider whether the collection of animals in the Garden cannot be further increased and made more representative of the Indian fauna. Southern India remains practically unexploited. None of the Semnopetheci from that sub-region have ever been exhibited in the Garden. No attempt has been made to obtain a specimen of the Slender Loris or a Spotted Cat. Such is also the case with respect to the rich Sub-Himalayan regions. Of Himalayan birds, the Garden has hitherto been satisfied with the occasional acquisitions of such specimens as casually find their way into the Calcutta market. Of ducks and geese, large numbers are, from time to time, obtained by presentation and purchase, but no serious attempts have yet been made to exhibit a representative collection of various kinds of smaller

waders which are so plentiful in India during the cold weather. While the present state of the collection can be well maintained as it has hitherto been done by the generosity of Government officials and private individuals, who have always helped the institution, and by occasional purchases in the local market, to expand it in the direction indicated above, employment of agencies at selected centres, such as, Darjeeling, Mussoorie, Trivandrum and other likely places, is absolutely necessary. As enquiries are from time to time received from the management of other Zoological Gardens in India, such as Lahore, Trivandrum, and Jaipur, about animals they wish to acquire, it may be suggested in this connection that the formation of an "Interprovincial Committee" with a view to furthering the common object of acquiring animals may be formed.

Respectfully submitted.

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APPENDIX B.

I.—Comparative Statement of Receipts for 1904-05 and
1905-06.

	RECEIPTS FOR—					
	1904-05.			1905-06.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Opening balance	9,188	13	3	15,205	9	6
Interest	163	9	4	1,245	10	1
Donations and subscriptions	48	0	0	872	0	0
Entrance receipts	24,168	0	0	31,224	4	0
Rent	1,801	8	0	2,300	0	0
Carriages and palkis	577	8	0	663	8	0
Fishing ... ..	.....			241	0	0
Picnic	40	0	0	105	0	0
Rhino urine	57	0	0	1,278	0	0
Miscellaneous	3,884	4	7	4,123	2	0
Government contribution	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0
Total	59,928	5	2	77,162	1	7
Add balance of the Government of India grant of 1 lakh of rupees.	..	...		5,209	10	1
Add receipts of 31st March 1905, which was deposited into the Treasury on 1st April 1905.	.....			76	3	0
Total ... ..	.....			82,447	14	8
Deduct receipts of 31st March 1906, which was deposited into the Treasury on the 1st April 1906.	.....			81	6	0
GRAND TOTAL ... ..	.....			82,366	8	8