

REPORT

of

THE HONORARY COMMITTEE

for the

MANAGEMENT OF THE ZOOLOGICAL
GARDEN, CALCUTTA.

1911-12.



CALCUTTA :

BENGAL SECRETARIAT PRESS.

1912.

1. THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of—

President :

The Hon'ble Sir F. W. Duke, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S.

Vice-President :

P. L. Buckland, Esq.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer :

Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Brown, M.D., I.M.S.
(Retired), D.P.H., F.Z.S., F.R.C.S.E.

Superintendent :

Mr. Bijay Krishna Basu, G.B.V.C., C.M.Z.S.

Assistant Superintendent :

Babu Somadev Ganguli.

Members of the Committee :

Roostumjee Dhunjeebhoy Mehta, Esq., C.I.E.

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Khan Bahadur, Mahabat Jang, Nawab

Bahadur of Murshidabad, K.C.S.I., K.C.V.O.

John George Dean, Esq.

The following new members were appointed during the year :—

C. J. Elton, Esq.

Major L. Rogers, C.I.E., M.D., I.M.S.

Major C. R. Stevens, M.D., I.M.S.

The following members resigned during the year :—

The Hon'ble Maharaja Sir Prodyot Kumar Tagore, KT.

Colonel G. M. Porter, R.E.

Sir R. P. Ashton, KT.

Obituary :

His Highness the Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G.C.I.E., C.B., of Cooch Behar.

Sir Herbert Risley, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S.

2. STAFF AND ESTABLISHMENT.

Mr. Bijay Krishna Basu continued in charge of the Garden as Superintendent throughout the year, and Babu Somadev Ganguli as Assistant Superintendent. Babu Doyal Chandra Dass, gate clerk, retired from the service on 8th June 1912 on a gratuity, and his place was not filled as a proper man could not be found.

The following is a list of the superior staff of the Garden at the end of 1911-12 :—

Superintendent :

Mr. Bijay Krishna Basu, G.B.V.C., C.M.Z.S.

5. VISITORS.

The total number of paying visitors to the Garden during the year amounted to 629,151, showing an increase of 92,029 as compared with the previous year. This large attendance may be accounted for by the presence of His Majesty's collection of Nepal animals, by the Hindu festival *Churamoni Yoga* and by the increased attractiveness of the Gardens generally.

Comparative table of visitors during the last three years :—

Year.	...	...	Visitors.
1909-10	...	...	499,628
1910-11	...	...	537,122
1911-12	...	...	629,151

In addition, a large number of children under four years of age and school children attended by their teachers were admitted free. On the day of the Fancy Fair about 15,000 people entered the Garden. Besides these, 51,154 persons visited the Garden on the free days. A list of free days with the number of visitors is given in Appendix C.

6. EXHIBITION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S COLLECTION OF NEPAL ANIMALS.

The most important event of the year was the exhibition of a fine collection of animals presented to His Majesty by the Nepal Durbar. By the request of the Zoological Society of London, they were accommodated in the Garden prior to their

departure to the Zoological Society's Gardens, London. The following is a list of animals:—

1 Young rhinoceros.	2 Four-horned sheep.
1 Baby elephant.	2 Bhutia goats.
1 Shou.	1 Yak.
2 Barasinghas.	3 Leopards.
2 Sambur deer.	4 Himalayan bears.
2 Nilgais.	2 Snow leopards.
2 Spotted deer.	2 Tahrs.
2 Indian antelopes.	1 Wolf.
2 Burrhal sheep.	1 Fox.
2 Goral sheep.	2 Tibetan dogs.
3 Hog deer.	2 Japanese dogs.
1 Four-horned antelope.	1 Leopard cat.
2 Musk deer.	5 Squirrels.
1 Barking deer (albino).	2 Porcupines.
1 Ditto (female).	3 Civets.
1 Kiang.	2 Martens.
4 Fighting sheep.	3 Indian mongooses.
2 One-horned sheep.	8 Indian monitors.
2 Two-horned sheep.	Pheasants, partridges and pigeons, etc.
1 Three-horned sheep.	

Their Majesties visited the Garden on the afternoon of 30th December, accompanied by their Excellencies the Lord and Lady Hardinge. The Royal Visitors were received by the Honorary Secretary and Superintendent who showed them round the Garden. Their Majesties inspected the various animals in the collection and asked many questions as regards their habits and seemed very pleased with the general management of the Garden.

7. GARDEN.

The floral display for which the Garden has for long been well-known was extremely successful.

Another consignment of animals was received from the Zoological Society of London on exchange during the year.

Among other acquisitions the following deserve notice :—

- 1 Tiger cub (*Felis tigris*), presented by the Feudatory Chief of Patna.
- 3 Tiger cubs (*Felis tigris*), purchased through the good offices of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Khulna.
- 2 Gayals (*Bos frontalis*), purchased through the good offices of the Deputy Commissioner, Shillong.
- 2 Gharials (*Gavialis gangeticus*), presented by W. Westmacott, Esq.
- 1 pair Malayan Tapirs (*Tapirus indicus*), purchased.
- 1 Clouded leopard (*Felis nebulosa*), purchased.
- 1 Baby elephant (*Elephas indicus*), purchased.
- 1 Spider monkey (*Ateles ater*), purchased.
- 1 White-browed Gibbon (*Hylobates gibben*), presented by Mr. A. G. Cowper.
- 1 Jungle cat (*Felis chaus*), presented by Mr. A. Milton.
- 2 White-cheeked Capuchins (*Cebus lunatus*), purchased.
- 2 Smooth-headed Capuchins (*Cebus monachus*), purchased.
- 1 Brown Capuchin (*Cebus fatuellus*), purchased.
- 3 Black-headed lemurs (*Lemur brunneus*), purchased.
- 2 Rufous Kangaroo (*Macropus rufus*), purchased.
- 4 Amherst's pheasants (*Thaumalea amherstiae*), purchased.
- 9 Flamingoes (*Phœnicopterus antiquorum*), purchased.
- 2 Argus pheasants (*Argus giganteus*), purchased.
- 2 Red Birds of Paradise (*Paradisea rubra*), purchased.
- 1 Lesser Bird of Paradise (*Paradisea minor*), purchased.

The following animals were received through the good offices of Mr. F. E. Moller :—

- 1 Cat bear (*Aelurus fulgens*).
- 1 Tibetan Marmot (*Arctomys himalayanas*).
- 1 Burriel sheep (*Ovis nahoor*).

APPENDIX A.

I.—Comparative Statement of Receipts for
1910-1911 and 1911-1912.

	1910-1911.			1911-1912.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Opening balance	26,651	9	7	25,070	13	5
Interest	163	3	4	163	3	4
Donation and subscription	551	0	0	472	0	0
Entrance receipts	42,018	12	0	48,496	11	0
Rent	3,957	12	0	3,420	0	0
Carriage, palki, jinrickshaw, etc.	699	0	0	895	4	0
Fishing	35	0	0	291	0	0
Picnic	165	0	0	154	0	0
Rhino urine	1,863	0	0	2,031	0	0
Miscellaneous	5,774	3	0	4,334	12	0
Government contribution	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0
Total	1,01,878	7	11	1,05,328	11	9
<i>Add</i> —Receipts of 31st March 1910, which were included in 1910-1911.	69	9	0	.....	
<i>Add</i> —Receipts of 31st March 1911, which were included in 1911-1912.	.....			70	15	0
	1,01,948	0	11	1,05,399	10	9
<i>Deduct</i> —Receipts of 31st March 1911, which will be included in 1911-1912.	70	15	0	.....	
<i>Deduct</i> —Receipts of 30th and 31st March 1912, which will be included in 1912-1913.	.....			456	5	0
GRAND TOTAL	1,01,877	1	11	1,04,943	5	9