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BOTANIC GARDEN BOARD, 1887-88.

(NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

MEETINGS of the Board were held on the following dates: 30th August, 30th September, 1887, and 13th February, 23rd March, and 9th May, 1888.

The present balance-sheet applies to a period of eleven months; the expenditure during this time being £179 6s. 9d., as against £247 6s. 7d. for a corresponding period of the previous year.

The ordinary expenditure for labour in keeping the gardens in order, including the salary of the custodian, has averaged about £15 a month. This sum also includes the repairing of fences, underbrushing, &c.

The fence surrounding the gardens is in a very ruinous condition, and requires in some places to be repaired, and in others replaced by new fencing, that fronting the Tinakori Road being the most urgently required.

The revenue of the Board has, as in the previous three years, been entirely derived from its share of the rents of the Town Belt; the sum received during the past year being £90 1s. 11d. for six months ending the 30th September, 1887, to which is to be added a balance in hand of £167 5s. 8d. from the previous year. The six months' share ending the 31st March, 1888, is still due. From the Honorary Treasurer's statement of accounts appended, it will be seen that there is a balance to the credit of the Board of £79 0s. 10d.

W. B. D. MANTELL, Acting Director.

Approved by the Board.

G. M. WATERHOUSE, Chairman.

23rd July, 1888.

BOTANIC GARDEN BOARD ACCOUNTS, 1887-88.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand on the 29th August, 1887 ..	167	5	8	Garden work, including keeper's salary, nursery work, roads, &c. (eleven months)..	163	17	4
Share of rents from Wellington City Reserves, six months to the 30th September, 1887 ..	90	1	11	Timber, ironwork, and tools	11	9	5
Sale of plants	1	0	0	Miscellaneous items	4	0	0
				Balance in hand	79	0	10
	£258	7	7		£258	7	7

23rd July, 1888.

G. M. WATERHOUSE, Honorary Treasurer.

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