

biennial period ending November 30th, 1875. At the commencement of the period just expired there had been received from all sources the sum of \$216,603.36, of which \$207,399.98 had been expended, leaving a cash balance of \$9,203.38. Since that time the receipts have been as follows: From the sale of bonds, \$229,662.50; from sale of Lupin seed, \$799.76; from Police Court fines, \$375; from Pound fees, \$252; from hire of tools, \$13; making a total since their last report of \$231,102.26; with balance on hand at that date—\$9,203.38—\$240,305.64.

The amount expended during the past two years is \$205,877.69, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$34,527.95. Since its organization the Board of Park Commissioners has disbursed \$389,566.35, all of which is represented by actual work performed on the grounds in its charge, and for the purchase of material and merchandise employed in the work. For the future maintenance of the Park the Legislature of the State, 1876, authorized the Board of Supervisors to appropriate \$15,000, and to levy an annual assessment upon the taxable property of the City and County, of one and one half per cent. upon each one hundred dollars valuation.

The amount actually expended upon the Parks also includes the expense of fencing the Buena Vista and Mountain Lake Parks, and making large plantations on the former reservation, so that deducting the expense of the preliminary topographical survey of Golden Gate Park, and the amount of the items of expense upon the other two reservations, the cost of improvement and maintenance of the Park, as seen by ordinary visitors, has been, during the past four and a half years, since the work commenced, about \$379,814.35. Of this, about \$72,000 is chargeable to maintenance; and about \$10,000 invested in work-horses, rolling-stock, heavy implements, tools, office furniture, instruments, and other needful incidentals, in good order for future use; so that the total cost of improving Golden Gate Park and Avenue, including all plans therefor, superintendence of the work and reclamation of the sands, is, to date hereof, \$297,814.35.

The statement relating to visitors shows that one hundred and thirty thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight vehicles and four hundred and forty-four thousand six hundred and eighteen persons entered the Park during the year ending November 30, 1874, and one hundred and fifty-seven thousand and ninety-one vehicles and five hundred and sixteen thousand one hundred and seventy persons in the year ending November 30, 1875. During the first mentioned year fourteen million one hundred and twenty-three thousand six hundred and forty-one gallons of water were used on the grounds; during the latter year, thirteen million eight hundred and ninety-seven thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine gallons.

The length of roadway constructed is twenty-five thousand eight hundred and eighty-two feet, representing an area of one million six hundred thousand eight hundred and thirty square feet.

About ten thousand linear feet of walks have been graded and macadamized in the Park, of which somewhat less than half is fully surfaced, while the remainder requires only a thin layer of screened rock for their completion. There are ten thousand seven hundred linear feet of walk graded, ready for macadamizing, in the avenue. This, with the ten thousand six hundred feet macadamized in the Park, and about two thousand five hundred feet more now under construction, makes twenty-eight thousand eight hundred linear feet, or somewhat over four miles of walk, which may be placed in serviceable condition at a reasonable expense during the present year.

The length of drains laid is as follows: Rock drain, two thousand eight hundred and thirty feet; wooden drain, eight by ten inches, five thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight feet; drain tile, two-inch, three hundred and ninety-six feet; iron-stone drain-pipe, three to seven-inch, one thousand three hundred and sixteen feet; total length, ten thousand five hundred and forty feet.

Following is a statement of trees and shrubs planted in grounds: Purchased and planted in the avenue and Eastern portion of the Golden Gate Park in the Spring of 1872, six thousand six hundred and thirty; raised in the nursery and planted on the same grounds since that date, forty-one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine; raised and planted on western or sand district of Golden Gate Park during the seasons of 1873-75, seventeen thousand eight hundred and four; ditto on Buena Vista Park during same period, six thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. Total trees and shrubs planted out, seventy-two thousand seven hundred and twenty; to be planted during season of 1875-76, twenty thousand; total planted out with present appropriation, ninety-two thousand seven hundred and twenty. In addition to the above there are probably thirteen thousand to fifteen thousand young plants, for planting in subsequent seasons, in the nursery.

The reservation known as the Great Highway is the key to all the work of permanent reclamation of the downs. It comprises a strip of land along the ocean beach, extending south from the Cliff House bluff about two and seven-eighths miles, varying in width from two hundred to four hundred feet, according to the curvature of the shore line. On it the sands are thrown by the ocean waves and carried inland, a continuous fresh supply to the drift. The manner in which this is being reclaimed, and a further drift of sand prevented, is thus described:

Along a line on the Highway reservation, lying parallel to and one hundred feet west of its eastern boundary from its intersection with a prolongation of the northern boundary of Golden Gate Park, south, for a mile in length, across the face of the Western end of the Park Reservation, and for half a mile south of it a brush fence has been built. Redwood posts, four by four

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