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SEVENTH ANNUAL
REPORT

OF THE

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Parks and
Playgrounds
Association

(Incorporated 1904)

*For the
Year ending November, 1908*

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Twelve trained teachers were employed—eight women and four men. The general behaviour of the children was good.

Total attendance of children, 49,043, an increase of 7,000 over that of last year.

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A caretaker is also essential, who should be there all the year round.

The committee contemplates a special effort to raise the money required for equipment, but it is also applying for a yearly city grant. Playgrounds are now considered an essential in any well ordered city, and Montreal does not wish to be alone among large cities in not making provision for them.

Wants.—Old toys, go-carts, croquet sets, bathing gowns, old magazines or books; an old boat.

Gifts may be sent to the President :
MRS. MOYSE, 324 Sherbrooke Street West.

Treasurer's Condensed Statement

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Total contributions received	\$990.00
Special subscriptions to- wards equipping the model playgrounds - -	605.00
Cost of fence - - - -	858.69

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