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**The Nilgiri Downs**

In the “Stray notes from Ootacamund appearing in another column, allusion is made to a G.O. which has recently been published concerning the Nilgiri Downs…The order alluded to dealt with proposals made y Mr. Sim, when Acting Collector of the Nilgiris (1) to enlarge the Ootacamund recreation ground by extending it to include the entire tract lying between the town of Ootacaund and the Pykara river…; (2) to reserve the enlarged recreation ground under Chapter II of the Madras Forest Act…; (3) to call it the “Wenlock Downs”.

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Stray Notes from Ootacamund

…The increasing popularity of Ootacamund as a health resort is evident from the building boom that it has lately witnessed…As to the Downs, a revolution has lately been quietly effected, for they have been converted into Government “reserve” lands hight (sic) the Wenlock Downs (!) and any considerable curtailment of their area for building purposes will be jealously guarded against and will require the previous sanction of the Government of India!