DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.

To the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture,

GENTLEMEN: I take pleasure in presenting to you the report of the Departments of Agriculture and Horticulture for the Fair of 1909. Exhibits were large and exceptionally strong in quality. Exhibitors in all classes are increasing each year and it is only a question of a short time when more space will be required in order to show up the exhibits to the best advantage. This is especially true in the exhibits of fruit and flowers. These classes are filled to overflowing each year and the crowded condition of these exhibits does not show them up. Exhibitors are doing more each year to make their exhibits attractive but are handicapped under these conditions.

Exhibitors were well satisfied with the judges in the various classes and I desire to express my thanks to all exhibitors and judges for the uniform kindness and consideration shown.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Herbst,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY EXHIBITS AND BEES AND HONEY.

To the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture,

GENTLEMEN: The department of county exhibits at the 1909 State Fair was fully up to past records made in this department. Some thirteen counties made exhibits and they were all creditable and worthy of the agriculture of the state. The judging as done by Mr. Olds was generally satisfactory and exhibitors seemed pleased. Your superintendent heard no dissatisfaction expressed by any one.

The change from a department of Farm Exhibits, back to the county system was favorably commented upon and is much the more satisfactory of the two.

There were five large exhibits of bees and honey. This industry is growing in our state and the encouragement the board