time that you decided to come back again, and I hope you will come back again and again, and in fact, we are making plans for your next year’s convention. So when you pack up, it doesn’t make any difference if you leave a soap brush or tooth brush behind—we will save it for you next year.

So on behalf of the city I give you the most hearty welcome.

PRESIDENT WHITING: I will next call on our good friend Mr. Zimmerman, editor of the Cheese Reporter, who will give the response. It is a pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Zimmerman.

RESPONSE

By F. W. Zimmerman

Mr. Whiting, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen: On behalf of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers’ Association I want to thank you, Mayor Promen, for your kind words of welcome.

We appreciate the fact that you ordered this nice weather and I think we are pretty well acquainted with these fine convention facilities. We have seen your hospitality and all these things should unite in making our stay here both pleasant and profitable.

It is rather fitting, I believe, that we return to Fond du Lac for our 48th annual meeting. It was near here, you know, that Chester Hazen started the first Wisconsin cheese factory. Since that time we have seen the Wisconsin cheese industry grow from what it was when Mr. Hazen was actively engaged in it, to the important position we are accorded today. In view of these things, then, our convention should be a fine one, and in our deliberations today and tomorrow may we be guided and encouraged by the foresight that were Mr. Hazen’s. Thank you.

PRESIDENT WHITING: We will now have the Secretary’s report. I don’t think I have to introduce Mr. Ebert, you all know him. It is a pleasure to introduce Mr. Ebert, however, to you.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

By C. J. Ebert

Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen: This is not a lengthy report because you will get the detailed report in the convention annual. We will give you our receipts and disbursements and the balance.

This is the financial report of the Wisconsin Cheesemakers’ Association as of November 1st, 1939. We brought forward a balance