

REPORT

OF THE

GRAND UNION DAIRY FAIR

Held in Exposition Building, Milwaukee, Wis., December 4-9, 1882.

PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATION.

MILWAUKEE, May 18, 1882.

At a meeting called to meet at the Exposition Building, to take into consideration the feasibility of holding a dairy fair some time during the fall, Hon. R. D. Torrey, general manager of the Milwaukee Exposition Association, called the meeting to order, stating that it would be necessary to have a president and secretary of the meeting.

Hon. Hiram Smith — As the dairy interest reaches to all parts of the northwest, I would nominate J. H. Lumbard, of Chicago, president.

Mr. Lumbard was elected; and D. W. Curtis, Fort Atkinson, Wis., secretary.

R. D. Torrey — This meeting was called to see if we could not hold a dairy fair this fall for the exhibition of dairy products and cattle. Room for at least 500 head could be had in the Exposition Building. The Exposition Association will furnish the building and money for a liberal class of premiums. I can see no reason why we cannot hold a successful fair.

W. D. Hoard, president of the Northwestern Dairymen's Association, said the first dairy fair ever held in the United States was held in Milwaukee in 1875. I have this idea in my mind: If we could secure the money and the co-operation of the different dairy organizations, we could hold a large dairy fair, unite all the elements, and success would be certain.

Hiram Smith — Mr. Hoard has stated this thing about as I would state it myself. If all the interests could be united, and nothing in the name to arouse suspicion of any one having the advantage, success would be certain. The N. B. & E. Association should be invited to take part with the other associations, as they have been invited to come to Wisconsin to hold their next meeting.

Col. R. M. Littler, Davenport, Iowa — As a representative of Iowa and secretary of the N. B. & E. Association, I think I might say that the fair would be the largest ever held. There is one common interest, and the idea would be to have the largest display of butter and cheese ever seen in the United States; I shall do my duty to make it so.

Col. R. P. McGlincy, secretary Elgin Board of Trade, Elgin, Illinois — My opinion is that the Elgin Board of Trade would make a grand exhibit of butter and cheese. The Illinois Dairymen's Association, of which I am secretary, meets in December next, and I do not know as I shall be able to change the date of the meeting should you decide to hold this dairy fair in December. I think the different associations will all work together, and make the largest display of butter and cheese ever seen in the northwest, if not in the world.

C. R. Beach, president Wisconsin Dairymen's Association — I can see no reason why we should not hold as successful a dairy fair, as was ever held, if we all take hold of it in earnest; we certainly have the butter and cheese, and it only needs bringing out to make a successful fair.

Chester Hazen, Brandon, Wisconsin — Our dairy interests in the northwest are becoming among the largest interests we have, and should be looked after more carefully. The fair would no doubt be well patronized by dairymen generally. We patronized the eastern dairy fair, and no doubt eastern dairymen would come here to compare their products with ours. We can certainly make it a grand success if we undertake it.

W. W. Ingram, Chicago — I can see no reason why you cannot have a successful fair. It seems to me that you have all the facilities for a successful exhibition of dairy products; all you need is organization and united work. No doubt the

east will come here and exhibit with the west. There has got to be hard work and plenty of it.

W. H. Morrison, Elkhorn, Wis.— I can promise a good exhibition from Walworth county, and I see no reason why the fair cannot be made a grand success.

W. D. Hoard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dairy fair be held at some date in December next in the Exposition Building in Milwaukee under the auspices of the Exposition association. That all dairy associations in the United States and Canadas are hereby cordially invited to co-operate to this end.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

A. V. Pierce, Milwaukee— I would suggest that the fair be held not later than the tenth of November.

Chester Hazen— I would say December would be early enough.

H. Smith— I think a little earlier date would be better for cheese, but if the premium list was published it would make but little difference.

Col. Littler— I move that the fair be held the next week after Thanksgiving.

The motion was carried.

W. D. Hoard— I move that an executive committee of seven be appointed by the chairman, of which R. D. Torrey be made chairman, to fix date of meetings, make premium lists, and arrange for all necessary details.

Motion carried.

President Lombard— I think some one more familiar with this subject should appoint this committee, but if it is the wish of the meeting, I will appoint them.

Executive committee—Hon. R. D. Torrey, Milwaukee; Hon. Hiram Smith, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; Col. R. M. Littler, Davenport, Iowa; W. H. Morrison, Elkhorn, Wis.; D. W. Curtis, Fort Atkinson, Wis.; A. J. W. Pierce, Milwaukee; Col. R. P. McGlincy, Elgin, Ill.

R. D. Torrey— I will name May 25 as the day for the committee to meet.

Hiram Smith— The prospects for a successful dairy fair are very flattering.

A. V. Bishop, Milwaukee—There is no doubt but what we can have the largest dairy fair ever held anywhere.

Col. Littler—I have called on nearly every commission firm in Milwaukee, and they are unanimous for a dairy fair.

Prest. Lombard—No dairy fair every started out with brighter prospects, or a better show of success, and there must be no lagging or hanging back until the fair is over. We must show the world the largest display of butter and cheese ever seen under one roof.

The meeting is now adjourned.

EXPOSITION BUILDING, May 25, 1882.

At the meeting of the Executive committee, R. P. Jennings, secretary of the Exposition Association, was elected secretary—at this meeting and subsequent meetings held by the committee. The premium list was arranged and the time set for holding the fair.

The following resolutions were adopted by the committee:

Offered by Col. Littler:

Resolved, That the proposed exhibition of dairy products be known as the Grand Union Dairy Fair.

Offered by Hiram Smith:

Resolved, That the proposition of the Milwaukee Exposition Association for the use of their building and the willingness to arrange for a premium list and general preparation for said Union Dairy Fair be accepted, and that Hon. R. D. Torrey be requested to take charge of the same as general manager.

Offered by Col. Littler:

WHEREAS, The National Butter, Cheese and Egg Association has accepted an invitation from his excellency, the Governor of Wisconsin, to hold their annual convention in Wisconsin;

Resolved, That the Dairy Associations of the United States and Canada be invited to unite in holding a grand Union Dairy Fair in the city of Milwaukee at such time as may be agreed upon by this committee.

Offered by W. H. Morrison:

Resolved, That the National Butter Cheese and Egg Association be invited and requested to hold their convention in the exposition building, and that all dairy associations be requested to make their headquarters at the Union Dairy Fair in same building.