

Beloit, Wis., Nov. 17, '11.

Wisconsin Dairymen's Association,

Gentlemen:—Your auditing committee has gone over the accounts and examined the books and found them correct to date.

H. C. SEARLES,

ROY HARRIS,

EDWARD SALMON,

Auditing Committee.

REPORT ON COW JUDGING CONTEST

A new feature was introduced in the convention this year. About eighty boys, the large majority of them farmers' sons, took part in the Boys' Cow Judging Contest. Mr. F. H. Scribner of the Dairy Division lectured to these young men on Thursday morning, describing some of the fundamental points of a dairy cow. The next day the judging took place in a large barn. Everyone of these young men was very much interested in this work, and we believe that the lessons they received there will never be forgotten.

Mr. Scribner: Well, we had lots of fun in looking over the boy's papers, and even more fun in looking over the men's papers. I tell you some of those boys are pretty wide awake fellows. Of course these boys are all strangers to us. In the test for boys Frank Eddy has first place; that is, he did the best placing of the animals, although his reasons were not quite as good as they might have been. Robert Plumb takes second place. His reasons were splendid. It was remarkable to me how well he had remembered what we had told him. I will read you his reasons.

FIRST.

I placed D first because there were so many good points about her. She had a wide nose, large nostrils, bright eyes, wide head, a big barrel, a straight back. She was long between her hip and pin bones. Her udder covered much space on her body. It was square and the teats were large and well placed. When I felt of her milk veins I made my decision. They were large, soft, very crooked and the milk wells were larger than on any of the other cows. Her hip bones are wide. The pin bones are wide and nearly on a level with the hip bones. She is not so fat but what there is room between her hams for a large bag.

SECOND.

I didn't think A was as good as D because her milk veins were not large or crooked and her bag did not hang as well. She was a well built cow in most every respect; big barrel, a good looking head, wedge shaped shoulders and a good heart cavity, a straight back and backbone free from meat. Her hair laid flat.

THIRD.

I placed B under A because she did not have the working capacity that A has. She is a well shaped cow, with a wide nose, large nostrils, thin neck, thin at top of her shoulders. Her backbone is free from meat. She has a good bag, with teats well placed. Her thin hams give room for the udder. Her milk veins were not as large or crooked as those on A.

FOURTH.

I have placed E under B because of her poor bag and small teats. She would be a hard milker. Her barrel was not as large as B's. She had a good head but her nose was not as wide as B's. Her back was not as straight as B's but it was quite free from meat.

Mr. Everett: That boy is a coming president of the Dairymen's Association.

The Chairman: We have had lectures from professors, talks from men in different walks of life while we have been here, and we have with us now a man fresh from the farm, who is, with his own hands, working on the farm and making good on a farm not so very far from here, Milton Junction. Mr. Kammer will tell you what he is doing on his little farm.

MY METHODS OF DAIRY FARMING, OR ANOTHER YEAR'S EXPERIENCE.

BY WM. KAMMER, MILTON JUNCTION.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I started farming 9 years ago this coming March. I never farmed it before, and so I had to learn everything about it and to learn it I subscribed for a good farm paper from which I learned what I know. I have nearly 40 acres. I want to keep all the cows my farm will feed. The first two years I could not make my cows do as well as I thought