

## PROCEEDINGS

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Of the Annual Meeting held at Grand Rapids, Wisconsin,  
January 8th, 1901.

GRAND RAPIDS, WIS., Jan. 8, 1901.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers' Association was held at Grand Rapids, Wis., in council rooms (west side) on Tuesday January 8th, 1901.

As minutes of previous meeting had appeared in the published report their reading was dispensed with, and President Charles Briere delivered the following address which in substance contained the following recommendations and suggestions:

He said that growers should pack their berries in first-class shape and it was better to screen out all the small berries of  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch and less. All the larger growers of the east are gathering their berries with what are here called "rakes." They gather their crop at a cost not to exceed 75 cents per barrel. It costs us here at least \$1.20 to \$1.50 per barrel. As you will see it gives eastern growers a large margin on the cost of harvesting their crop. We have here on exhibition two machines called "cranberry pickers." They are duplicates of our old-style rakes without any improvement. Our experiment station is in fine shape. We have now over 20 varieties of cranberries planted on the "nursery" that we are propagating. They are some of the best selected vines from the experimental station. Some were selected for their large size, others for their shape, color, early ripening quality and some for their long keeping

quality. I am glad to hear, and state to you that nearly every grower and member of this association is planting more or less of the best varieties of berries grown in the country.

Treasurer M. O. Potter filed his account, which was referred to a committee, composed of Messrs. J. B. Arpin and J. J. Emmerick, who later reported they had examined same and found vouchers correct as below:

## RECEIPTS.

Jan. 22, 1900.	Deposit by secretary.....	\$ 5 50
Feb. 14, 1900.	State money.....	250 00
Feb. 14, 1900.	Deposit by secretary.....	17 00
June 6, 1900.	Deposit by secretary.....	50
		<u>\$273 00</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Order No. 35.	C. D. Searls, Ex. No. 2.....	\$ 2 52
Order No. 48.	C. Briere, postage, etc.....	12 39
Order No. 50.	A. L. Fontaine, August report.....	35 82
Order No. 51.	M. Huser, weeding station No. 2.....	6 22
Order No. 52.	W. H. Fitch, postage and printing...	56 16
Order No. 53.	W. H. Fitch, postage and printing...	30 78
Order No. 54.	James Gaynor, services and rent....	62 50
Order No. 55.	James Gaynor, lumber, posts and labor	13 86
Order No. 56.	John Gaynor, livery and labor.....	13 00
Order No. 57.	A. L. Fontaine, January report.....	30 00
Order No. 58.	A. L. Fontaine, balance mailing list	7 00
Order No. 60.	Wood Co. Drug Co., record book....	2 75
		<u>\$273 00</u>

MELVIN O. POTTER, Treasurer.

The secretary next presented the annual report. It was referred to committee on printing and ordered published, as follows:

The prominent features of the past year appear to have been:

The long picking season, and early disposition of yield for cash, at shipping point.

The former allowed the crop to be gathered in a mature and merchantable condition, and the latter relieved growers of anxiety regarding damage from untoward weather.

As growers were disposed to take and buyers inclined to give fairly remunerative prices, results on the whole were satisfactory.

From correspondence received I have extracted the following, bearing on different phases of the industry:

**Association.**

Wisconsin—(c 28)“ I think if our association is to bene-