

culture is a business and requires brains and the presence of the owners. Some few have recognized this and made a business of it, and we are now ten to twenty thousand bushel men.

It has always been my firm belief that twenty acres of bog taken care of like a garden is much better than fifty or seventy-five acres only half or less taken care of. That a small five or ten acre bog and high culture beats a fifty acre bog and no culture."

Prices for Picking.

Mass.—"Seven cents per six quart measure was what I paid for picking, three cents less than three years ago which gives quite a little profit. Next year I contemplate gathering my berries with a large scoop paying twenty-five cents per hour which will reduce the cost of picking materially. Where they have cost me one dollar and seventeen cents, they then will cost about fifty cents per barrel."

Varieties.

Massachusetts—(b 162) "If I was to set out any more bog it would be the Smith variety and no other, but the Cape Cod Belle is a good berry but not so good a yielder as the Smith. The Smith berry I keep until February and March, when they bring me a very good price."

Massachusetts—(c 93) "We have now (March 2nd), about three hundred barrels, Howes, on hand which we are working off leisurely at top prices. They keep like bullets, and you can readily see the logic of sound late stock for profit, by observing present facts."

Wild and Cultivated Bogs.

Wisconsin—(c 6) "I have got 6 to 8 different sorts. I have about six acres of wild marsh that is full of old logs that you can sit on and pick berries as large as plums, and they hold their size year after year, which is not so with the cultivated as they get smaller after a few years."

Flooding.

Washington—(d 4) "For a number of years I tried to grow cranberries without winter flooding, the result was not satisfactory, while in some spots they did well enough they did poorly as a whole. The vine worm put in an appearance in 1897 and compelled me to flood. I raised the water about the last of November, keeping it on till about the end of April. When the water was run off, the bog was covered with a thick slime that when dried covered the whole bog with a substance resembling wrapping paper and about as thick. The following year I raised the water about the same time and let it off about the same time as the preceding year. In order to flood the highest part of this bog the lowest vines are covered about five feet deep.

The vines do best when they are barely covered with water and I notice where the water stands over eighteen or twenty inches deep that the flooding is injuring them seriously. When the water is withdrawn in spring they present a dead like appearance, the leaves drop off the upright, and they produce no fruit where the water was deep, and it takes them the most of the summer to get on new leaves and have the same thing repeated next season. The water is in part spring water and in part from our heavy winter rain-fall and is pure—no minerals. I would consider it a favor if the members of the association when in session, would discuss this subject and then please let me know their finding.”

According to best data obtainable the crop of 1900 was distributed about as follows:—

New England and New York.....	108,000 barrels
New Jersey	63,000 “
The West.....	18,000 “

Total.....189,000 barrels
or the smallest crop since 1894.

The average price realized by the grower was in the neighborhood of five dollars and twenty-five cents. Fancy varieties commanding one dollar to one fifty per barrel higher.

On the whole the cranberry industry of Wisconsin commences the century under auspicious conditions.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 13, 1900. State money.....	\$250 00
Advertisements	36 20
Fees.....	72 50
Total.....	\$358 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Order No. 35. C. D. Searls, exp. Ex. station No. 2..	\$ 2 52
Order No. 48. C. Briere, postage, circulars, 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, printing bill..	56 16
Order No. 53. W. H. Fitch, postage and printing...	30 78
Order No. 54. Jas. Gaynor, services, rent Ex. station	62 50
Order No. 55. Jas. Gaynor, lumber, posts, labor....	13 86
Order No. 56. John A. Gayner, livery, labor.....	13 00
Order No. 57. A. L. Fontaine, January report.....	30 00
Order No. 58. A. L. Fontaine, bal. acct. mailing list	7 00
Order No. 60. Wood Co. Drug Co., record book.....	2 75
Jan. 9, 1900. Balance due secretary.....	10 30
Jan. 23, 1900. Bill Centralia Hdw. Co. exp. sta. No.	111 30