

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 When the water is withdrawn in spring they present a dead like appearance, the leaves drop off the upright, and they produce no fruit where the water was deep, and it takes them the most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

Mch. 13, 1900.	A. L. Fontaine, acct. mailing list....	10 00
	Stamped envelopes, wrappers, postal cards, stamps.....	35 62
	Cash expenditure Jan. and Aug. reports	7 00
	Secretary's salary.....	40 00
Order No. 59.	Chas. Briere, acct. experiment station	30 00
Order No. 61.	Reporter bill for printing.....	9 50
Order No. 62.	Chas. Briere, supplies for convention	58 16
Order No. 63.	Tribune bill for printing.....	9 90
Total	<u>\$494 78</u>

W. H. FITCH, Secretary.

On motion duly seconded the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for re-election of old officers viz: Chas. Briere, president; S. N. Whittlesey, vice president; W. H. Fitch, secretary; M. O. Potter, treasurer; A. E. Bennett member executive committee.

Reports from different sections were called for and the yield was represented almost uniformly less than the previous year, but quality was much better, and prices ranged from \$5.00 to \$6.25 cash at shipping point. One grower reported his harvesting expense at \$2.45, which did not include interest on investment, taxes, insurance, or cost of supervision.

Those who had made observations concerning the early drawing off of water from vines, recommended the custom, and also late harvesting; the difference between fruit picked in the first and at the end of September being clearly in favor of the latter. Of course, an ample reserve of water is assumed.

A discussion regarding sanding developed a difference of opinion respecting the practice. The experience of S. N. Whittlesey of Cranmoor was decidedly in its favor, that of Charles Baker of Shennington against it, while with A. E. Bennett of Grand Rapids results had varied. It seemed to be agreed that the coarser the sand the better.

The bonus system of giving five cents a box extra to those staying to end of picking season was voted a success.