

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting reassembled at 2 p. m., Vice President S. N. Whittlesey in chair.

The report of Experimental station was presented by Judge John A. Gaynor of Grand Rapids, who accompanied same with suggestions and statistics, which were ordered printed as also other communications received by secretary.

Experiment Station Report.

To the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers' Association—Gentlemen: As most of you know, the station, which contains a little more than a quarter of an acre of ground, is divided into sections, each about a half a rod square, and at the center of each square a single vine of the variety to be cultivated is planted. There are, in all, 207 sections, 24 of which are still vacant and 183 have been planted. Of the 183, 44 have been planted to seedlings from some of the finest varieties of berries that have been exhibited at the annual meetings, and 139 have been planted to a single vine of such varieties as have been recommended to us. Of these 183 varieties, twenty-five were planted in 1894, thirty-nine in 1895, four in 1896, twenty-five in 1897, nine in 1898, thirty-two in 1899 and forty-eight in 1900. Three sections of seedlings were planted in 1894 from berries furnished by Mr. Tuttle, and these sections are now in full bearing. Twelve sections of seedlings were planted in 1897 which will probably come into bearing next year. About twenty sections of seedlings were planted during the past summer. The imported seed furnished by the government usually failed to grow. This failure, I think, is due to the fact that the seed was dried before it was shipped, and cranberry seeds, in common with the seeds of most woody plants, will not bear drying; drying destroys the vitality. We have instructed the Agricultural department at Washington on this point, and they are now shipping us the seed in the pulp, and we hope for better results in this line hereafter.

Your committee last year, after examining the samples of fruit from the Experimental station, recommended the following varieties for further propagation: Nos. 3, 31, 27, 35, 38, 39, 88, 43, 51, 57, 50, 60, 59, 53, 89, 64, 61, 86, 78 and 87. Vines were taken from each of these sections and planted by themselves at the north end of the nursery, early in June last. These plantings have done exceedingly well, and cuttings may be taken from them as soon as they come into bearing. We hope to have samples of the fruit from these vines at the next annual meeting, and the vines of such as show a decided superiority may be distributed to Wisconsin