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Report of Aug. Meeting of W. S. C. G. A.

To A. E. Bennett

Dear Sir:—The W. S. C. G. A. met at Millsonia, August 12th, and I would report to you the result of our deliberations:

After examining the improvements and planted marshes of Mr. Mills, the Association met and after discussing the statistics and information gathered from all the cranberry districts in the United States we estimated that the cranberry crop of New Jersey will be about the same as last year and the crop of Cape Cod will be about 60 per cent. of last year. And for our own state by shipping stations as follows:

	BARRELS
Grand Rapids and Centralia.....	200
Bearss Station.....	7000
Remington.....	4300
Daly.....	3000
Meadow Valley.....	3000
Beaver.....	1000
Mather.....	5000
Norway Ridge.....	1100
Hitchcock.....	100
Valley Junction.....	1100
G. B. W. & St. P. Railway.....	5400
Omaha Railway.....	800
Deuster & Necedah.....	5100
New Lisbon.....	200
Berlin.....	7000
Northern Wisconsin.....	3000
Total for Wisconsin.....	47,100

You will perhaps remember that our estimates of the crop have in general been very close and that last year our actual shipments differed only by 16 barrels from the August estimates.

Relying on these statistics and upon the scarcity and high prices of other fruits we judged that well put up, sound berries that are good keepers must bring at least \$9.00 per barrel. You perhaps will recollect that the market price last year rose to more than \$1 above our August estimate on prices, and we believe we do not err in recommending to growers to hold good berries for this price.

Where growers bruise their berries in sacks, dry them in warm places, or put them up damp, or have not the facilities for keeping them they may have to sell in the early market at lower prices.

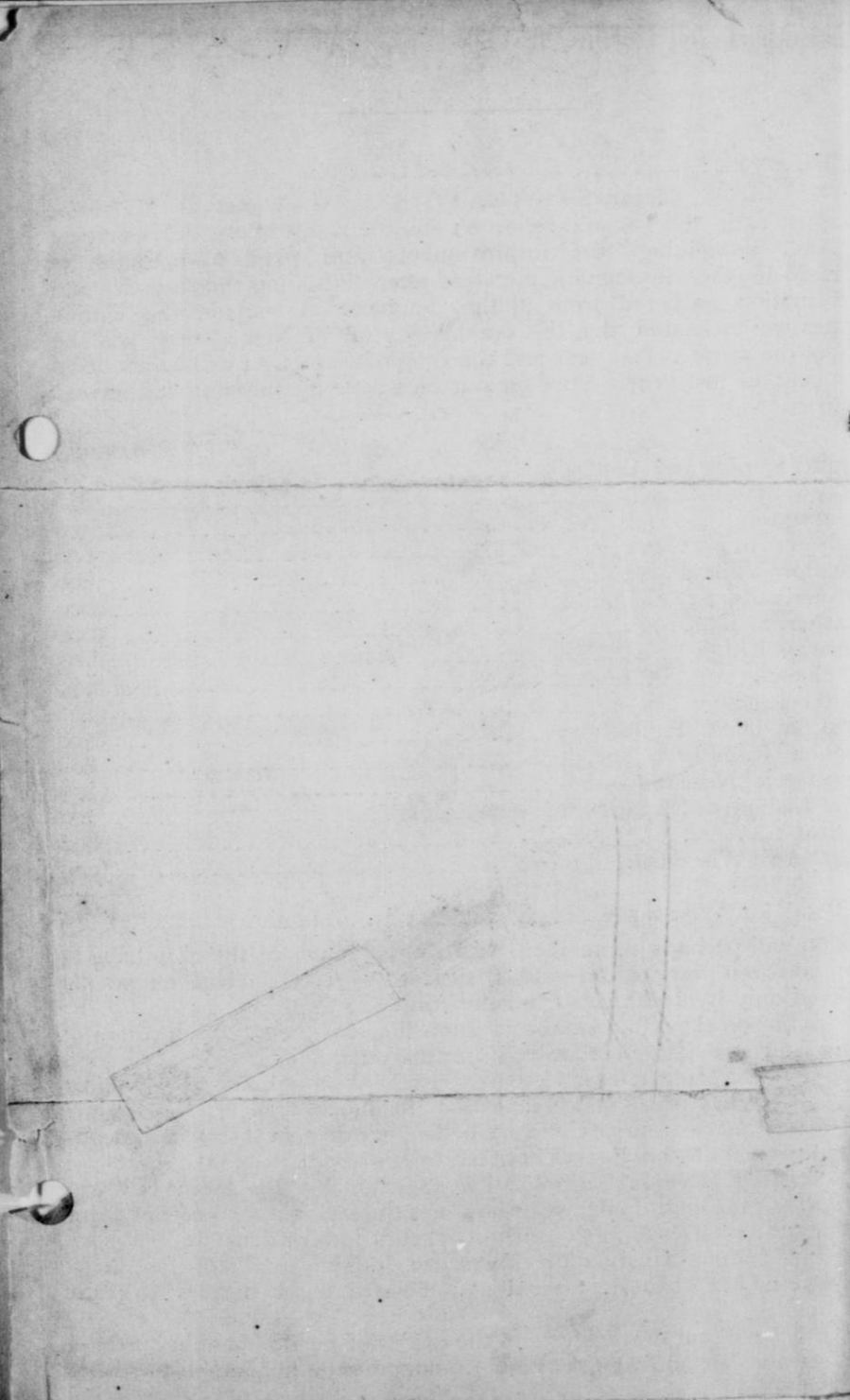
As a schedule of prices for rakers we judged that sufficient help could be had at \$1 to \$1.25 per day and board, hand pickers 50 cents per bushel.

We believe that the wages and the prices of berries as above stated are just and fair and we ask your co-operation in helping us to realize the same.

We propose to make two more estimates of the crop one on September 1st and one on September 20th. If you will kindly report to us your crop estimate at that time we will let you know in return how much to add or subtract from the August estimate and you will be able the better to judge as to what prices you should realize for your berries.

Yours Truly,

W. S. C. G. A. Secretary



PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Wisconsin State

Cranberry Growers' Association,



—AT A MEETING HELD AT—

Cranberry Center, Juneau Co., Wisconsin,

AUGUST 14th, 1888.



MEADOW VALLEY, WIS., Aug. 20th, 1888.

The Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers' Association met in Assembly Hall, connected with H. O. Kruschke's cranberry warehouse, at Cranberry Center, Aug. 14th.

The forenoon was spent in looking over the marshes of H. O. Kruschke, Wm. Megow and J. O. Warriner, viewing methods of improvements, &c.

Meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. by Vice President Megow.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

Reports of corresponding secretaries were then read, giving statistics of the crop in sight, showing a total of 55,400 bbls. Later reports received by the Secretary will increase that amount about 4,000 bbls., making a total of 59,400 bbls., which we think will cover the Wisconsin crop.

The general rate of wages for the coming harvest was placed at the old scale of prices, which are, \$1.00 and board for rakers, and fifty cents per bushel for hand picking.

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A general discussion was held as to the feasibility of the Association handling their crop in the various markets, thus enabling the grower to dispose of his berries at par value. The plan met with very general approbation, but was considered a little premature, and was laid upon the table.

The secretary was instructed to correspond with the secretaries of other like organizations, with a view of establishing friendly relations therewith.

From the statistics reported, it was the prevailing belief that the price of berries would start out at about \$8.00 per bbl.

It was decided that the secretary have the statistics and proceedings of the meeting printed and mailed to all known growers throughout the state, showing them one of the objects we are trying to accomplish, thereby inducing them to join and co-operate with us.

The meeting then adjourned.

The next annual meeting for the election of officers, and a general interchange of information, will be held at Grand Rapids, Wis., on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in January, 1889. We expect to have several papers presented which will be of interest to growers.

J. H. TREAT,

Secretary and Treasurer,

Meadow Valley, Wis.

