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Wisconsin State Agricultural Society,

FOR THE YEAR 1855.

To His Excellency Wm. A. Barlow,

Governor of Wisconsin.

His Excellency, in compliance with an act of the Legislature of this State, passed March 1855, the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society would respectfully



That the past year has been one of great prosperity to all before the season, and more especially to the agricultural portion of our population. Abundant crops and unexampled prices, with that aspect of all-around treasure, good health, has been one portion of our population generally throughout the State. The Executive Committee, having

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uable varieties which should replace the varieties already cultivated
here, and which from long continued cultivation had begun to
degenerate in the amount of yield, as well as in quality of grain.
The committee accordingly procured the services of Mr. T. C.
Doran, a gentleman of long experience in the culture of wheat
and other agricultural operations, to proceed to Canada and pro-
cure some new variety for distribution, which should be furnished
members of the Society, and was acted upon.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY WM. A. BARSTOW,

Governor of Wisconsin:

SIR: In compliance with an act of the legislature of this State,
passed March 1854, the Executive Committee of the State Agri-
cultural Society would respectfully

REPORT:

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trial occupations, and more especially to the agricultural portion
of our population. Abundant crops and unexampled prices, with
that richest of all earthly treasures, good health, has been the por-
tion of our population generally throughout the State. The Exe-
cutive Committee, having become convinced long since that a
change of climate and soil produced great improvement in the
different kinds of grain, and more especially in wheat, decided

early last spring to make an effort to introduce some new and valuable variety which should replace the varieties already cultivated here, and which from long continued cultivation had begun to diminish in the amount of yield, as well as in quality of grain. The committee accordingly procured the services of Mr. T. C. Dousman, a gentleman of long experience in the culture of wheat and other agricultural operations, to proceed to Canada and procure some new variety for distribution, which should be furnished members of the Society at the cost price. This was acted upon, and Mr. Dousman invested six hundred dollars of the money appropriated to the Society in the purchase and transportation of a new and valuable variety, known as the Golden Drop. This wheat became widely distributed over the State, and gave universal satisfaction, from the large yield and fine quality of the grain produced. As an instance of its productiveness, the Hon. Wm. P. Taylor, of Cottage Grove, Dane county, harvested forty-five bushels per acre from two acres of ground, with only common cultivation. The Society was entirely reimbursed for the expenditure from the sales.

The quality of the grain may be inferred from the fact, that it took not only the first, but also the second premium, for the best samples offered at our late State Fair. The Society has distributed from its rooms large quantities of choice and valuable seeds received during the past year from the U. S. Patent Office, also many valuable Agricultural and Mechanical works from the same source, together with several hundred volumes of Transactions of this, and other State Agricultural Societies, embodying much valuable information upon various subjects, the result of experiment and observation in the various departments of Agriculture, and the Mechanical arts. The Annual Fair of the Society was held at Milwaukee, on the 3d, 4th and 5th of October last, and upon the same grounds formerly occupied for that purpose, and situated on the summit of Spring street hill. The attendance at the Fair, and the animals and articles on exhibition, far

surpassed the expectations of the Committee, when the fact is taken into consideration, that a week of rainy weather just previous to the Fair, and one day during the Fair, prevented many from attending who would otherwise have done so. The necessity of having a waterproof building in order to protect many of the articles in the collection of Fine Arts on exhibition at our Annual Fairs, add very materially to the expenses attendant upon

The interest manifested at our Annual Fairs show that the Agriculturalist, the Mechanic and the Artist in skilful workmanship, demand an opportunity where they can exhibit the product of their industry, skill and invention. It is only through the fostering care and encouragement afforded by the Legislature that this opportunity can be presented, which shall stimulate industry and skill, the true source of National wealth. The exhibit of the Financial affairs of the Society hereunto attached, shows a very flattering increase of receipts over those of the preceeding year. The number of Annual and Life Members having increased threefold over the number of last year, and the Society generally presenting an appearance of prosperity gratifying to the committee.

The vouchers for the various accounts presented are on file in the office of the State Agricultural Society, subject to examination by the appropriate committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Executive Committee of Wisconsin State Agricultural Society.

GEO. O. TIFFANY,

Secretary.

MADISON, Jan. 15, 1856.

expressed the expectations of the Committee, when the fact is taken into consideration, that a week of rainy weather just previous to the Fair, and one day during the Fair, prevented many from attending. The following is a statement of the fiscal affairs of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society, for the year ending December 31, 1855:

To balance on hand, December 31, 1854,	\$166,22
From Annual Members,	684,00
“ Life Members,	230,00
“ State of Wisconsin,	3000,00
“ City of Milwaukee,	1201,00
“ Receipts at State Fair,	1564,90
“ Sales of Wheat,	646,83
“ Interest on Deposits,	50,00
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	\$7542,95

Expenditures.

Paid in Premiums,	\$2015,00
“ Purchase of Wheat,	600,00
“ Salary,	1000,00
“ Office Expenses,	241,58
“ Fitting up Fair Grounds,	550,00
“ Expenses of Executive Committee,	347,38
“ Bills Printing,	289,25
“ Traveling and Incidental Expenses,	184,48
“ All other Expenses,	1215,60
“ Cash and Bills receivable to balance,	1099,66
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	\$7542,95

MADISON, Jan. 15, 1856.



