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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

To His Excellency, EDWARD SCOFIELD,  
*Governor of Wisconsin:*

The Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture is pleased to herewith submit its first biennial report.

The Board commenced its work under circumstances of a very trying nature. We were absolutely without funds, and the arrangements for the State Fair of 1898 were inaugurated and carried on to completion entirely upon a credit basis, the Board receiving generous consideration whenever asked. The public, to a certain extent, hesitated to give a cordial endorsement of the new management of the State Fair until satisfied of its purposes and aims. And our organization largely unaccustomed to fair work, especially of the extent and character of that confronting it, lacked the assurance that comes from experience and confidence.

We have no reasons for dissatisfaction with the results of the fair, mistakes were made, but these can in the future be avoided.

The weather was unpropitious as at times it must be. But our exhibits were excellent, being uniformly of a high character with no notably weak department, and exhibitors seemed satisfied with treatment received.

The attendance during the early days of the fair was completely satisfactory, and but for unfavorable weather, would undoubtedly have continued so to the end.

The Board is encouraged by the result of its past year's work, we feel that we have demonstrated that we are entitled to the loyal support of the people of the state, and that a State Fair judiciously and honestly run can be made a financial success.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TRUE,  
*President.*

C. H. EVERETT,  
*Secretary.*

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# WISCONSIN STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR 1898.

## OFFICERS.

President—JOHN M. TRUE, Baraboo.  
Vice President—T. L. NEWTON, Beaver Dam.  
Secretary—C. H. EVERETT, Madison.  
Treasurer (ex officio)—S. A. Peterson, State Treasurer, Madison.

## BOARD OF MANAGERS.

President, Vice President, H. A. Briggs, George McKerrow and  
George G. Cox.

## MEMBERS OF BOARD.

At Large—John M. True, Baraboo.  
At Large—S. D. Hubbard, Mondovi.  
1st Dist.—H. A. Briggs, Elkhorn.  
2d Dist.—T. L. Newton, Beaver Dam.  
3d Dist.—Geo. G. Cox, Mineral Point.  
4th Dist.—B. B. Hopkins, Milwaukee.  
5th Dist.—George McKerrow, Sussex.  
6th Dist.—F. A. Huebner, Manitowoc.  
7th Dist.—Charles Linse, La Crosse.  
8th Dist.—C. G. Wilcox, De Pere.  
9th Dist.—David Wedgewood, Little Suamico.  
10th Dist.—J. W. Thomas, Anson.

## SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Privileges—S. D. Hubbard, Mondovi.  
Gates—David Wedgewood, Little Suamico.  
Forage—A. L. Vannaman, Milwaukee.  
Transportation—John Le Feber, North Greenfield.  
Horse Department—George G. Cox, Mineral Point.  
Cattle Department—Charles Linse, La Crosse.  
Sheep Department—H. A. Briggs, Elkhorn.



**Swine Department—George Wylie, Leeds.**  
**Poultry Department—George McKerrow, Sussex.**  
**Dairy Department—John W. Thomas, Anson.**  
**Agricultural Department—F. A. Huebner, Manitowoc.**  
**Horticultural Department—L. G. Kellogg, Ripon.**  
**Machinery Department—J. E. Seaver, Darlen.**  
**Manufacturers' Department—John W. Ganes, Reeseville.**  
**Fine Arts and Woman's Work—E. B. Heimstreet, Janesville.**  
**Speed Department—C. G. Wilcox, De Pere.**  
**Marshal—R. C. Vernon, Madison.**

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND BY-LAWS.

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The Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture is created and its organization defined by Chapter 301, Laws of Wisconsin for 1897, which reads as follows:

Section 1. The Department of Agriculture, for the promotion of agriculture, dairying, horticulture, manufactures and the domestic arts, is hereby created, and shall be managed by a board to be styled the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture to consist of twelve members to be appointed by the Governor of this State, one from each congressional district of the State and two at large, and at least one-third of said board shall be appointed from a different political party than the remainder of said board.

The members of said board shall hold office for a term of three years, except that four of the members first appointed shall hold office for one year, four for two years, and four for three years, from the first day of January, A. D. 1898, the governor at the time of appointment to designate the term for which each member is to serve.

The members of the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture shall enter upon the duties of their office on the first day of January in each year, and shall hold office as hereinbefore provided, and the governor shall fill any vacancy for the remainder of such unexpired term.

Members of the state board shall serve without salary, but shall receive payment of actual traveling expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties.

Section 2. The state board shall hold its first annual meeting on the first day of June, 1898, and thereafter such annual meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of March of each year. At each such annual meeting the state board shall elect one of its number president, and one as vice president of said board, who shall perform such duties as usually pertain to such offices.

Section 3. The state board shall annually elect some person, not a member of said board, as secretary thereof, who shall hold his office for a period of one year, unless he shall be sooner removed by the said board.

Section 4. The treasurer of the state of Wisconsin shall be treasurer ex-officio of said state board.

Section 5. The state board shall keep an office for the transaction of

business in such rooms in the capitol in Madison as may be assigned by the governor.

Section 6. The State Board of Agriculture shall have the sole control of the affairs of the department of agriculture, and of all state fairs, and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations in relation to the department of agriculture, and the management of the business of such department in said fairs, and the offering of the premiums, as a majority of said state board shall from time to time determine, not inconsistent with the constitution or law of this state, or of the United States.

Section 7. Whatever money shall be appropriated to the department of agriculture or come to it from any other source, shall be paid to the state treasurer, and paid out on the order of the State Board of Agriculture, and may be expended by it as in the opinion of said board will best advance the interests of agriculture, dairying, horticulture, manufactures and the domestic arts in this state; provided, however, that no officer, clerk or employee of the said state board of agriculture shall have any claim upon the state of Wisconsin for any salary or expenses, except such as may be allowed by said board and paid from any appropriation or funds under its control; provided, however, further, the state of Wisconsin shall not in any manner whatever be liable for any debt, contract or obligation incurred by said board.

Section 8. The state board of agriculture shall make and deliver to the governor of the state, a report of its actions and doings once in two years, on or before the first day of December, next preceding the regular session of the legislature, and the secretary of state shall forthwith print five thousand copies of said report.

Section 9. All annual appropriations heretofore made to the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society shall from and after the passage of this act, be paid to the state board of agriculture, and the said state board of agriculture shall be furnished with stationery, etc., the same as is now furnished to the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society.

Section 10. All act or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 11. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after January 1st, 1898.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the board, call special meetings, upon the written application of one-third of the members of the board, and have general supervision of the affairs of the board, and shall countersign all orders drawn by the secretary for the payment of money.