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*Containing:*

Secretary's Report to the Governor  
Board Meetings  
Detailed Financial Statement, Including Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports  
Statement of Awards and Purse Paid  
Reports of Superintendents of Gates, Privileges, and Other Division  
Superintendents  
List of all Exhibitors

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR.**

Hamline, Minn., Dec. 10, 1910.

To His Excellency, Adolph O. Eberhart, Governor of Minnesota.

Honored Sir: As required by Section No. 2083, Revised Laws of 1905, I hand you herewith a detailed Financial Report of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, for the fiscal year beginning Dec. 11, 1909, and ending Dec. 10, 1910. Also, a detailed Inventory of the property belonging to the State of Minnesota in the possession of said society.

You will see by the financial report that our cash receipts were larger than ever before. This was to a certain extent accounted for by the fact that the Board took a decided step forward this year by eliminating all passes. As a matter of fact, there was not a pass printed; consequently, the total paid admissions were some 45,000 more than ever before. The total paid admissions for the year 1910 were 318,264. Aside from this, there were 4,159 "buttons" issued to actual employes of the Society and exhibitors; each of these buttons was good for admission at any time. The buttons were not transferable and were attached to the wearing apparel of the persons to whom they were issued, which practically made it impossible to transfer them. In addition to the buttons, there were 2,429 helpers' tickets issued, each good for a single admission. The Board of Managers are well pleased with the result of this new departure, and so was, for the most part, the public.

The net profit of the 1910 Fair, in round figures, is \$36,000.00, about \$20,000.00 of which is still in the hands of the Treasurer. The balance has already been expended in permanent improvements.

The Board this year endeavored to make the 1910 Fair more of an educational institution than ever before; in view of this fact, many new departments were added and the premiums advanced. The Agricultural and Floricultural exhibits were both more than double the size of anything ever before exhibited on the grounds; and, to accommodate the ten Agricultural Schools which were established in 1908, an "Annex" was erected to the Agricultural Building, in which nine schools made excellent exhibits. In the Woman's Building were also four comprehensive school exhibits. The main floor of the Grandstand was well filled with liberal arts exhibits, about equally divided between the Twin Cities and the smaller cities of the state. The old "Main Building" was turned over entirely to agriculture. There was not a department on the grounds but would have used more space had it been available.

This Society has grown so rapidly during the past twenty-five years that it would almost seem that the time had now come to proceed along new lines. The state of New York has appropriated \$2,000,000.00 to be expended in four years, in putting up new equipment for their State Fair; the President and many of the Board of Managers of this institution have expressed the wish that the Legislature would appoint a large committee to come out to the grounds and spend a few days looking it over thoroughly and inquiring into the needs and necessities of this institution. They think that \$2,000,000.00 appropriated now, to be available during the next eight or ten years, would be a wise step. All the old buildings that were erected

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twenty-five years ago, are now entirely too small—even if they were in good condition—for the purpose for which they were made. If the Board knew the amount of money they were to have each year for the next eight or ten years, they could expend their net earnings, each year, much more advantageously.

If you could see your way clear to make some such recommendation in your message, it would be appreciated by the board and that you may better understand the situation, I mention the following needed improvements:

(1) Roof on grandstand .....	\$40,000.00
(2) Woman's building .....	50,000.00
(3) Barn for "Dairy" cattle .....	100,000.00
(4) Barn for "Beef" cattle .....	100,000.00
(5) Hog barn .....	50,000.00
(6) Barn for horses .....	150,000.00
(7) Public service building, (in which would be located the Administration offices, newspapers of the Twin Cities and country, post office, telegraph and telephone offices, etc.) .....	100,000.00
(8) Agricultural building costing not less than .....	150,000.00
(9) Addition to machinery hall (one wing of which has already been built) .....	100,000.00
(10) Horticultural building .....	50,000.00
(11) Floricultural and greenhouse equipment .....	50,000.00
(12) Hospital and baby nursery .....	25,000.00
(13) Liberal Arts building .....	250,000.00
(14) Electrical building .....	100,000.00
(15) Dining-rooms and concession rooms of various kinds .....	50,000.00
(16) Additional sewers and toilets, not less than .....	100,000.00
(17) For grading, walks, macadamizing roads, planting shrubbery, etc. ....	200,000.00
(18) State Institutions building .....	75,000.00
(19) Intra-mural railway .....	100,000.00
(20) Mines and Mining building .....	50,000.00
(21) Fish and Game building .....	50,000.00
(22) Addition to Grandstand .....	200,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,140,000.00</b>

Now these improvements enumerated above are either needed at once or will be before the eight years covered by the proposed appropriation expire. In addition to the above, there are numerous other improvements which will be needed, such as:—

- Freight terminals and trackage.
- New depot at street-car loop.
- New Police building.
- Parcel check rooms.
- Bandstands, etc.

These could be built out of the surplus from year to year while the larger projects were being carried out with the money furnished by the state.

At the end of the eight years, the law could require "That all money received over and above running expenses for the year, should be turned over to the State of Minnesota as a revenue."

These figures may, at first sight, seem large to you and the public, but the property on exhibition and the people in attendance at the Fair must be safeguarded. This can only be effected by absolutely fireproof cement and steel buildings. The growth of this institution in the last



decade prompts us to seek to make provision for its growth in the future, and in view of these considerations the figures are none too large.

The Grandstand, for which the Legislature appropriated \$200,000.00 at their last session, was built at an expense of \$280,000.00 and it will take \$40,000.00 more to complete the roof, and this is something that is almost imperative. The \$200,000.00 mentioned above, "addition to the grandstand," would extend the present grandstand East, where the oldest bleachers now are, about three days or 152 feet. This is not the most urgent of the proposed improvements, but it will surely be needed long before the eight or ten years have gone by as the bleachers are now in a condition to require a great deal of repairing each year—as in fact do all the buildings outside of the Grandstand, Live Stock Amphitheater, Manufacturers' Building, and Dairy and Poultry Buildings.

It is a commonly accepted fact that the Minnesota State Fair is doing as much or more, annually, to advertise the great State of Minnesota, and at the same time to educate its own citizens as to the resources of the state and how to get the most out of them, than any other institution in the state.

I need not inform you that the attendance of this Fair is nearly double that of any other in the United States; and at the same time, it is the belief of the Board of Managers and of the public, generally, that this might be doubled had we the equipment to make a proper display and to care for the exhibits and our patrons after they arrive on the grounds.

It is the desire of our Board this year to have the Annual Report printed and ready for distribution January 1, 1911. I therefore hope it will be convenient for your Board of Auditors to examine our books at once, so we may have their report to print in our annual, together with the reports of the Public Examiner and the various Superintendents, in addition to the matter herewith transmitted to you.

Very respectfully yours,

C. N. COSGROVE,

Secretary.

**OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1910.**

President—J. M. Underwood, Lake City.  
 First Vice President—C. M. Griggs, St. Paul.  
 Second Vice President—E. J. Stilwell, Minneapolis.  
 Secretary—C. N. Cosgrove, Hamline.  
 Treasurer—M. T. Dunn, Brainerd.

**BOARD OF MANAGERS.**

George Atchison, Mankato.  
 W. W. Sivright, Hutchinson.  
 Robert Crickmore, Owatonna.  
 C. P. Craig, Duluth.  
 F. W. Murphy, Wheaton.  
 Thos. H. Canfield, Lake Park.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF DIVISIONS.**

A. Horses—Geo. Atchison, Mankato.  
 B. Cattle—Thos. Canfield, Lake Park.  
 C. Sheep—Chas. Kerr, South St. Paul (Geo. Atchison, supervisor.)  
 D. Swine—W. F. Hagerman, Morris, Minn. (Thos. H. Canfield, supervisor.)  
 E. Poultry—Leslie Parlin, 886 Phalen Ave., St. Paul. (F. W. Murphy, supervisor.)  
 F. Dairy Produce—F. W. Murphy, Wheaton.  
 G. Horticulture and Floriculture—A. W. Latham, Minneapolis, C. P. Craig, Duluth, supervisor.  
 H. Honey, Bees and Apiarian Supplies—M. V. Facey, Preston, Minn.—(C. N. Cosgrove, supervisor.)  
 J. Vegetables, Grain and Farm Produce—C. P. Craig, Duluth.  
 K. Woman's Department—E. J. Stilwell, Minneapolis.  
 L. Exposition—E. J. Stilwell, Minneapolis.  
 M. Manufacturers, Machinery Department, Farm Implements, Carriages—W. W. Sivright, Hutchinson.  
 Speed—C. M. Griggs, St. Paul.  
 Gates—E. W. Randall, 992 Laurel Ave., St. Paul. (C. M. Griggs, supervisor.)  
 Police—Col. Arthur Wright, Austin. (J. M. Underwood, supervisor.)  
 Forage—Thos. Canfield, Lake Park.  
 Privileges—Robt. Crickmore, Owatonna.  
 Collector of Privileges—S. H. Bezotler, Security Bank Building, Minneapolis. (Robt. Crickmore, supervisor.)  
 Clerk of Course—W. J. Munro; (C. M. Griggs, supervisor.)  
 Sanitation, Drayage, Express, Ice—Clarence B. Randall, Morris, Minn. (C. N. Cosgrove, supervisor.)  
 Transportation (Freight and Express)—Chas. Lamberton, Redwood Falls. (Thos. Canfield, supervisor.)

Superintendent of Publicity, Amusements and Side Shows—B. E. Gregory. (C. N. Cosgrove, supervisor, Hamline, Minn.)  
 Superintendent of Grounds—C. N. Cosgrove, Hamline, Minn.  
 Press Representative—C. E. Cook, St. Paul.  
 Superintendent of Entries—Thos. H. Smullen, Le Sueur. (C. N. Cosgrove, supervisor.)

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—Stillwell, Griggs, Atchison.  
 Reception—Craig, Crickmore, Sivright.  
 Auditing—Griggs, Crickmore, Stillwell.  
 Amusements—Griggs, Atchison, Canfield, Crickmore.  
 Advertising—Sivright, Griggs, Atchison, Murphy.  
 Transportation—Canfield, Craig, Murphy.  
 Tickets—Murphy, Canfield, Sivright.  
 Privileges—Crickmore, Sivright, Stillwell.

### ANNUAL AND BOARD MEETINGS

Held During the Year 1910.

The 1910 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society was held in the Legislative Hall of the new Capitol, St. Paul, January 11 to 13 inclusive. The records and proceedings of this meeting were published in full in the 1909 report, a copy of which can be had upon application to the Secretary. At this meeting J. M. Underwood, of Lake City, was elected President; C. M. Griggs of St. Paul, first Vice President; E. J. Stillwell, of Minneapolis, second Vice President. The following were elected to the Board of Managers: C. P. Craig of Duluth, (2 years), to succeed J. M. Underwood. W. W. Sivright of Hutchinson, (1 year), to succeed D. S. Hall, F. W. Murphy of Wheaton, (3 years), re-elected. Thomas H. Canfield of Lake Park, (new, 3 years).

On Jan. 18, 1910 the Board met at the Secretary's office, to organize according to law. At this meeting C. N. Cosgrove was elected Secretary for the coming year and M. T. Dunn, of Brainerd was elected Treasurer.

Superintendents of departments and standing committees were appointed by the President and approved by the Board as appear in the fore part of this report.

Much routine business was conducted at this meeting, particulars of which can be found on the records in the Secretary's office, as can also full proceedings of Board Meetings, held on the following dates: Mar. 15, 16, 17, 18, April 22, May 18, June 23, 24, July 9, Aug. 5, 11, 18, 19, 25, 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Oct. 13, and 25, and Nov. 29.

At above meetings all bills against the Society were read and those found correct were ordered paid.

At a regular meeting held Oct. 13, the resignation of C. M. Griggs as first Vice President was received and accepted. No action was taken as to a successor.