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CONSTITUTION.

This society shall be known as the MAINE DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, and its object shall be to improve the dairy interest of Maine in all its branches.

Article 1. This Association shall consist of such persons as shall desire to become annual members, and who pay the sum of one dollar annually, so long as they remain in the Association.

Article 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, who shall preside at public meetings; of a Vice President, who shall preside in absence of the President; of a Secretary, who shall keep a true record of the doings of the Association, prepare an annual report of the transactions of the Association for the current year, hold correspondence with dairymen of other States and with kindred associations of other sections, make diligent enquiry and research into those questions of interest to dairy men, and prepare and superintend the publishing and the distribution of the annual report among the members; of a Treasurer, who shall keep the funds of the Association and disburse them on order of the President or Vice President, countersigned by the Secretary, and make an annual report at the annual meeting, and who shall give a satisfactory bond; and one trustee. In addition there shall be a Cor-

responding Secretary from each county, whose duty shall be to act in connection with the President and Secretary, secure information in regard to dairy interests and furnish same to the President and Secretary, and aid in securing the active coöperation of dairymen; the Executive Board of the Association shall consist of the President, Secretary and Trustee.

Article 3. The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held in December at such time and place as the President and Secretary may appoint, by giving notice in the press of the State. The officers shall be elected by written ballot, each member being entitled to one vote. In case a meeting for discussion is held in connection with the annual meeting for election, the election shall be postponed till the last day of the session, at half-past one o'clock P. M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President and the Secretary giving notice as in case of the annual meeting.

Article 4. This Association shall hold an annual convention, and if desired, an exhibition.

Article 5. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the annual meeting, notice being given to the Secretary three months previously. In such cases the Secretary must notify the President and Vice President, and immediately they shall notify the members.

VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS.

From the admirable address of Mr. Valancey E. Fuller, Corresponding Secretary of the American Jersey Cattle Club, delivered before the State Dairy Conference at Portland, the following extracts are made touching treatment for diseases of our dairy cattle:

TUBERCULOSIS.

"Tuberculosis is an insidious and much-to-be-dreaded disease. It is no respecter of breeds; all are liable to it, under environments that tend toward it. Keep your cows in clean stables, well fed, but not pampered; give them plenty of light, ventilation and exercise, and see that the water they drink is not contaminated."

ABORTION.

"*Non-contagious* is produced by accidents, dogs chasing cows, or a sudden chill."

Contagious. "This is a most contagious disease, usually going through almost the entire herd before it is checked; reducing the natural product of the aborted cows at least 25 per cent., and re-occurring with next calf, and even the third calf, if it be not checked. It is caused by a germ which is often conveyed from one aborted cow to another; arises from the unclean portion of the discharge from the vagina of an aborted cow, and in many other ways when it has once found lodg-

ment. The germ lodges on the hind-quarters of the cow, and passing through the vagina and into the uterus destroys the fœtus.

The germ of abortion even remains in the uterus after a cow has aborted, and attacks the next fœtus, causing her to abort again at from 6 to 12 weeks, or later."

TREATMENT.

"Isolate the aborted cow; thoroughly disinfect the stall and stable where she was; wash the hind-quarters vulva, tail and udder of the cows that stood near her, three times a week for two weeks thereafter; remove all droppings and straw in or near stall where cow aborted. If any other cow threatens to abort, remove her from the stable. In case of the aborted cow, you will usually find a discharge which is putrid, and which is full of the germs of abortion; this discharge must be dried up by injection of disinfectants; burn all the straw and her droppings where she has had this discharge. Do not breed her until about the same time you would have bred her had she carried her calf the full time. The object of this is to allow her generative organs to resume their normal condition, and with that object in view, you should supplement this by proper treatment of the cow to build up these organs.

Two objects are sought: 1. The destruction of the germ. 2. The building up of the generative organs."

MILK FEVER.

"Milk fever is caused by the blood being too lethargic or too thick. The best remedy is pre-

vention. To lessen its re-occurrence, take the grain feed away from your cow for at least four weeks before calving or reduce it to one quart of bran and one-half pint of linseed oil meal per day. This will reduce her in flesh.

To thin her blood, three weeks before calving, seven days before calving, and immediately after calving, give her a drench of one to one and a half pounds of Epsom salts, two tablespoonfuls of ground ginger, one quart of molasses, all dissolved in two quarts of hot water. In addition give her a handful of Epsom salts, either in her feed or as a drench, every day for three weeks previous to her calving."

LIST OF MEMBERS.

F. S. Adams.....	Bowdoinham.
Rutilus Alden.....	Winthrop.
F. O. Beal.....	Bangor.
L. I. Bickford.....	Carmel.
Ansel Briggs.....	No. Auburn.
D. O. Bowen.....	Morrill.
J. F. Buker.....	Bowdoinham.
B. C. Brett.....	Auburn.
B. F. Briggs.....	Auburn.
F. W. Culbertson.....	Monmouth.
A. T. Clifford.....	Winthrop.
J. W. Dudley.....	Castle Hill.
J. W. Deering.....	Biddeford.
L. W. Dyer.....	Cumberland Centre.
Thomas Daggett.....	Foxcroft.
R. W. Ellis.....	Emden.
H. B. Ellis.....	Emden.
C. F. Fletcher.....	Augusta.
John J. Frye.....	Portland.
G. M. Gowell.....	Orono.
Z. A. Gilbert.....	No. Greene.

S. H. Goodwin..... St. Albans.
 O. Gardner..... Rockland.
 F. P. Grant..... Dixmont Centre.
 G. M. Haynes..... Monmouth.
 W. K. Hamlin..... So. Waterford.
 W. G. Hunton..... Readfield.
 C. Hayford..... Maysville.
 Geo. Jones.....
 G. S. Jewett..... So. Norridgewock.
 F. E. Jewett..... Exeter.
 J. M. Jackson..... Lewiston.
 C. L. Jones..... Corinna.
 S. M. King..... So. Paris.
 W. H. Keith..... Winthrop.
 W. B. Kendall..... Bowdoinham.
 L. K. Litchfield..... Winthrop.
 R. D. Leavitt..... Howe's Corner.
 B. W. McKeen..... Augusta.
 Otis Meader..... Albion.
 S. A. McEdwards..... Winthrop.
 J. Henry Moore..... Winthrop.
 S. T. Mallett..... So. Springfield.
 M. F. Norcross..... Winthrop.
 Ira J. Porter..... Houlton.
 W. S. Rogers..... Topsham.
 J. A. Roberts..... Norway.
 J. B. Read..... Bowdoinham.
 J. W. Ricker..... East Auburn.
 J. H. Rines..... Portland.
 C. A. Richardson..... East Bangor.
 G. M. Stewart..... Clinton.
 C. E. Smith..... Unity.
 W. A. Spofford..... New Sharon.
 C. S. Stetson..... Greene.
 G. M. Twitchell..... Augusta.
 C. E. Wheeler..... Chesterville.
 Ammi Whitney..... Portland.
 W. C. Whitman..... So. Turner.
 W. H. Vinton..... Gray.