



Canadian Seed Growers' Association

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JACKSON BUILDING,

OTTAWA, CANADA

January 6, 1934.

Dr. Seager Wheeler,
Rosthern, Sask.

Dear Dr. Wheeler,

We are informed that the Dominion Experimental Farms System will shortly make available for distribution a limited quantity of Marquis stock which will be classified as foundation.

If such a distribution is made, since the Dominion Experimental Farms are the originators of Marquis and this is the only source from which the foundation stock is produced, as time goes on it is likely that more and more Marquis Elite grown will have come from this strain. In this event it would seem desirable that the Marquis elite stock seed growers of the Association should have at least an equal chance of obtaining stocks on the first distribution, along with others who may be interested in this particular strain of Marquis.

In discussing this matter with Mr. Newman, Dominion Cerealist, he suggested that the Dominion Experimental Farms System would be pleased to have a reasonable quantity of this stock placed in the hands of reliable seed growers. It occurs to us that a number of our seed growers might be interested in procuring sufficient of this stock to establish themselves as elite stock seed growers. Would you be interested in such a proposal, provided an arrangement can be effected whereby provision is made to transfer for elite multiplication sufficient of this seed to establish you with an elite stock seed plot in 1934 or 1935?

To make such a plan reasonably successful, it will of necessity be understood that in accepting such an offer, the grower receiving the stock will, as rapidly as possible, discard all present stocks of Marquis wheat now in his possession, as the growing of more than one strain provides the means of introducing troublesome variability.

In presenting this proposal, we realize that it is merely a suggested plan and are introducing the subject for the careful consideration of our elite stock seed growers. We would therefore ask you to give us your reaction to such a proposal as a reasonable basis of operation when introducing new stocks for the use of our seed growers.

The time has arrived when every economy must be practised in the production of elite stocks without in any way impairing the high standard of quality. Consequently, we feel that we should give careful consideration to any reasonable proposal to bring about reduction in costs.

In the event of such an arrangement going through, it will do away with any confusion if all applications are made through the central office of the Association.

If you are interested in this plan, an immediate reply is necessary.

Yours very truly,

CANADIAN SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

per

W. G. Wilson

Dr. Seager Wheeler,
Northern, Sask.

Dear Dr. Wheeler,

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