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Seager Wheeler Esq.,
Rosthern, Sask.,

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

I have your letters of Jan. 11th. and 17th. and regret that my reply has been delayed through absence in Manitoba. I am very pleased to learn that you are preparing to give an address at the Saskatoon Convention on Feb. 9th. On my return from Winnipeg I found a letter from Mr. Auld on my desk asking for the C.S.G.A. programme for the Convention. I called Mr. Auld up by phone and told him that you would give an address illustrated by your collection of cases and samples and I suggested as a good title for your address "How I won the \$1000 prize at New York". This will prove a catchy title for your address and as the winning of this \$ 1000 prize is but the reward for your several years of close attention to growing and selecting seed wheat, ^{the} history of your experience during the past several years with Preston and this season with Marquis, may well be summed up under the title "How I won the \$ 1000 prize at New York".

When I first wrote you concerning the C.S.G.A. Convention at Ottawa I was under the impression that this meeting would be held on Feb. 23rd. and 24th. I had a letter from Mr. Newman to that effect but for some reason the dates have been changed to Feb. 8th. and 9th. As these dates conflict with our dates at Saskatoon I have decided not to go to Ottawa and also ^{as} it would materially interfere with our programme for Saskatoon, I would very much prefer to have you give your

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reason too, in that if you went to Ottawa I should expect the C.S.G.A. to defray your expenses for the trip. Unfortunately the appropriation for the C.S.G.A. is a very limited one and Mr. Newman writes that after having discussed the programme for the annual meeting with Dr. Robertson, they have concluded that the finances of the Association would not warrant bringing speakers from Saskatchewan. Your address delivered at Saskatoon will appear in the annual report of the Association just as though it had been delivered at Ottawa. The chief point is that I wish we could have arranged to give you a trip to Ottawa but I trust that you will understand the position of both Mr. Newman and myself, ~~if they~~ when we state we regret the finances of the Association will not permit of this additional expenditure. Would it be possible to secure photos of your illustrative material which might be used to advantage together with your address in the annual report. If, when I see your material at Saskatoon we decide that this could be done I shall arrange to have photos taken.

Mr. Auld is allotting 30 minutes for your address on Friday morning Feb. 9th., and I am pleased to have your statement that we may depend on you for an address.

Yours sincerely,

F. H. Reed.