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Seager Wheeler Esq.,
Rosthern, Sask.,

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

I have just received your letter of Dec. 26th., and note that you still have on hand considerable Preston wheat for sale. At the prices which you mention I do not think that you should have any difficulty in disposing of this amount in your home district, but if I can be of any assistance to you in securing purchasers I shall be glad to do so. With reference to the 600 bus. of hand selected Preston for which you are applying for registration, if this can trace back through three generations to hand selected stock you should not have any difficulty in securing registration. Under the new regulations you should be able to sell this under the seal of the C.S.G.A. as registered seed. Take the matter up with Mr. Newman and if his records warrant it, I shall if you wish, go to your farm, inspect your grain in the sacks and seal your sacks. You would then be able to advertise this grain as registered Preston sold under the guarantee of the C.S.G.A.

We shall this year hold our annual meeting of the Saskatchewan members of the C.S.G.A. at Saskatoon, probably on Feb. 2nd. As you have now done at least six years of careful selection work I think you should feel it your duty to give to your fellow farmers at least a brief talk on your experience in hand selection. I would like very much to have you take part in our C.S.G.A. programme and after having heard you speak at the Banquet at Rosthern, I am convinced that you are well able to

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give us a talk. I would suggest as a topic for your address," My experience in selecting and growing Preston and Marquis Wheat". As you have this season attained such remarkable success with your Marquis the farmers who will be present at the Provincial Seed Fair, will be very anxious to have even a brief account of your experience with Marquis. I have written Mr. Newman suggesting that you should give at the annual meeting at Ottawa, an address illustrated by your cases of selected heads, and your grain in bottles, on your experience in selecting Preston. You have undoubtedly produced a strain of Preston wheat of exceptional merit and your talk on Preston will illustrate what can be done with any variety of wheat by years of careful hand selection. If you are to prepare an address for Ottawa, it would be perfectly allowable for you to give us practically the same address at Saskatoon. The Saskatoon meeting will be held as I have stated, probably on Feb. 2nd., and the Ottawa meeting on Feb. 8th., or 9th. Although I understand your natural reluctance to appear on a public platform, yet I feel that you owe it as a duty both to yourself and to your fellow farmers, and I hope that you will this year take part in our annual meeting.

With best wishes for the New Year,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Reed.