



## The Canadian Seed Growers' Association

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Jackson Building,

Ottawa, Canada.

January 3, 1930.

Dr. Seager Wheeler,  
Rosthern, Sask.

Dear Sir,

Something over two years ago Dr. J.W. Robertson met with a severe nervous shock arising from a railway accident. You will be sorry therefore to learn that he has as a result had the misfortune of partially losing the use of his voice and has been instructed by his physician that he must retire for a time at least from active participation in public service work. This has been a very severe blow to our most worthy Honorary President and he is feeling very keenly the severing of connections developed as a result of a life devotion to public service.

About a year and one half ago the Directorate authorized the Secretary, Mr. Peter Stewart, to have prepared an illuminated address and a gold watch guard for presentation to Dr. Robertson in recognition of the valuable services rendered this Association. The address which was designed and made up by Mr. Wilfred Wright of Toronto depicts very beautifully the activities of our worthy Honorary President.

It was hoped that the presentation of these symbols of our appreciation might have been delayed until the occasion of our next annual meeting, however, circumstances intervened which prevented this intention being carried into effect so the presentation was made on afternoon of December 26th at the home of Dr. Robertson, 474 Wilbrod Street, Ottawa, by Mr. Geo. H. Clark, and the Secretary. In as much as his family had gathered for the Christmas festivities it was felt that the occasion provided a most favourable opportunity.

Dr. Robertson was extremely pleased and very much cheered by the presentation and we left him in the best of spirits.

The enclosed notice was prepared by Mr. G.H. Clark and forwarded to the Canadian Press Association.

Yours very truly,

*W. T. G. Wiener*

Secretary-Treasurer.

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enclosure.



Dr. J.W. Robertson honoured by Canadian Seed Growers.

The registration of pure bred seed had its commencement in Canada. The plan evolved grew out of the vision of Dr. Robertson while Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying a quarter of a century ago.

The registration of plant propagating stock is now as important a phase of Canadian Agriculture as the registration of pure bred live stock which was under way fifty years earlier. Following the lead of Canadian Seed Growers the system of registering pure strains of seed has come to be common in many countries. The system of crop registration in Canada was visualized by Dr. Robertson twenty five years ago and became operative through his efforts. The high yield and superior quality of cereal grains grown in the prairie provinces and throughout Canada is unquestionably attributable to the general production and use of pure seed of varieties approved for registration.

Few there are among the Canadian Seed Growers of to-day whose imaginations have not been stirred by the visions and the rhetoric of their early president, Dr. Robertson, whom they still retain as their Honorary-President. It was singularly appropriate that they should commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their Association by expressing their abiding love for him in his declining years of comfortable retirement in an address of appreciation done in water colour by Wilfred Wright of Toronto, together with a small token of their esteem engraved in gold. The presentation was made on behalf of the Association by the Secretary and the Seed Commissioner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robertson and in the presence of their family who had assembled for the Christmas festivities.