

I. Some four hundred and fifty of the parents of competitors who have been operating plots in the Macdonald Seed Grain Competition have expressed their intention of continuing the work of producing pure-bred seed by hand selection. They with others who may join us, will become the original members of the Macdonald Robertson Seed Growers' Association for the Dominion of Canada.

I desire that seed growers who have given special attention to the production of wheat, oats, barley, rye and corn during the past few years should also become operating members of this association and make provision for operating a seed plot.

II. The object of the Association will be to advance the interests of seed growers,

- (1.) By forming regulations as to methods;
- (2.) By publishing information as to standards;
- (3.) By issuing certificates of registration which will distinguish between hand-selected pure-bred seed and ordinary grain; and
- (4.) By such other means as may become expedient from time to time.

Provisional directors of the Association are to be called together at some future time to consider and revise the rules and regulations which have been drafted for the guidance of those who operate seed plots in 1903. Arrangements may also be made for the formation of district and local associations in the various provinces.

III. The Macdonald Robertson Seed Growers' Association for the Dominion shall consist of honorary and operating members.

(2.) Persons who may be engaged in agricultural research work, or who may be otherwise interested in the progress of agriculture, may be admitted as honorary members. When appointed or elected as honorary members of the Association, they will be eligible to any office, and enjoy the same rights and powers as operating members.

(3.) To be eligible as an operating member the applicant must be a producer of improved seed, and must each year conduct a hand-selected seed plot, consisting of not less than one quarter acre of land.

IV. By the term 'hand-selected seed plot of the first year,' is meant a piece of land bearing a crop produced direct from seed obtained by selection, by hand, of the heads or ears from plants appearing relatively large and vigorous for the variety.

(2.) By the term 'hand-selected seed plot of the second year,' is meant a piece of land bearing a crop produced direct from seed obtained by selection, by hand, of the heads or ears from plants appearing relatively large and vigorous for the variety, on a hand-selected seed plot of the first year.

(3.) By the term 'hand-selected seed plot of the third year,' is meant a piece of land bearing a crop produced direct from seed obtained by selection, by hand, of the heads or ears from plants appearing relatively large and vigorous for the variety, on a hand-selected seed plot of the second year.

V. It is permissible to select heads in sufficient quantity to sow a hand-selected seed plot or plots of a total area not greater than four times the size of the plot from which they were selected.

VI. To entitle the seeds of wheat, oats, barley or rye to be eligible for registration by the Macdonald-Robertson Seed Growers' Association, they must be produced on a well-cultivated registered seed plot from a crop that has followed in rotation,

- (1.) After clover, pease, beans, or some other leguminous crop; or
- (2.) After a cultivated crop, such as Indian corn, turnips, mangels, carrots, beets or potatoes; or
- (3.) After a summer fallow.