



MR. ALEX ROSS.

T. A. STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD, 1964

The T. A. Stewart Memorial Award for 1964 has been won by Mr. Alex Ross, Vice-President of the N.R.S. of South Australia, for services to rose growing in Australia and New Zealand. Mr. Alex Ross is one of South Australia's greatest rosarians and has devoted his life's work to the culture of roses. He, with Dr. Owen M. Moulden and others, became interested in forming a Rose Society in South Australia, and it was founded in 1929. He has, with great efficiency and courtesy, filled the offices of Naming Steward, Chief Show Steward, Committeeman and, for five years, filled the honoured position of President. He was made an Honorary Life Member in 1955.

Recently he established, in collaboration with Mr. David Symon, a Rose Garden of the older types of roses at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, and donated the plants.

He has experimented extensively in many types of rose stocks and he originated the new variety Pink Perfecta now so popular. He has been connected with the nursery industry for over fifty years and founded the well-known rose nursery of Alex Ross and Son Ltd.

He was, for three years, President of the Association of South Australian Nurserymen, and was Federal President of the Federation of the Australian Nurserymen's Association. He has given many talks and much helpful advice to rosarians and each year has conducted a pruning demonstration for the Society at his nursery.

Mr. Ross has earned the respect of rose enthusiasts throughout Australia, and is a wonderful ambassador for the rose.