

VISITING ACTUARIES.

A contingent of the British and foreign actuaries who recently attended the Fourth International Congress of Actuaries, held at New York, arrived in this city on Friday evening last. On Saturday, the 11th inst., they were the guests of the officers of the Canadian and British Life companies in this city, who gave a luncheon in honour of the visitors at the Windsor Hotel.

The members of the reception Committee were: Messrs. T. B. Macaulay, F.I.A. (Sun Life); A. McDougald, A.I.A. (Pelican & British Empire); B. Hal Brown, F.S.S. (London & Lancashire Life); David Burke, A.I.A. (Royal Victoria Life); and D. McGoun (Standard Life).

The following visitors sat down to luncheon: Ralph P. Hardy, F.I.A., delegate of the Institute of Actuaries, London, Eng.; Henry W. Manly, F.I.A., George C. Steinhouse, F.F.A., assistant actuary Scottish Widows' Fund; E. Phragmen, Stockholm, delegate of the Royal Swedish Government; Fritz Trefzer, actuary of the Swiss Federal Bureau of Assurances; A. Begault, delegate of the Royal Belgian Government; G. Coquerel, delegate of the French Government Paris; Dr. van Schevichaven, delegate of the Holland Society for Life Insurance; Sydney N. Ogden, Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co., Newark; E. E. Hardcastle, M.A., A.I.A., asst. actuary Union Central Life, Cincinnati; A. G. Wiggins, late secretary Institute of Actuaries, London; Joseph Burn, F.I.A., Prudential Assurance Co., London; Wm. Young, F.F.A., Caledonian Ins. Co., Edinburgh; A. G. Donald, M.A., F.F.A., Scottish Provident Institution, Edinburgh; Miles Dawson, consulting actuary, New York; David Carment, F.I.A., F.F.A., assistant actuary Australian Mutual Provident Society, Sydney; W. A. Sim, F.F.A., F.I.A., Edinburgh; Hy. Moir, F.F.A., F.I.A., actuary Provident Savings Life, New York; A. R. Barrand, F.I.A., Prudential Assurance Co., London; F. Schooling, F.I.A., hon. secretary Institute of Actuaries, London; W. A. Hutcheson, F.I.A., F.F.A., Mutual Life of New York; Alexander Lotta, F.F.A., secretary City of Glasgow Life Assurance Co., Edinburgh; M. M. Johannessan, A.I.A., actuary Institute of Actuaries, London; Sven Palme, delegate of Royal Swedish Government; A. Quiquet, delegate of Institute of French Actuaries; C. Buis, Dr. of University of Brussels; J. Chatham, F.F.A., F.I.A., Scottish Life Assurance Co., Edinburgh; M. M. Johannessan, A.I.A., actuary "Hygea" Life Insurance Co., Bergen; Hy. W. Manly, F.I.A., president Institute of Actuaries, London; Francis F. P. Nelson, F.I.A., barrister-at-law, London; Fritz Rosselet, delegate of the Swiss Government, Berne; Cornelle L. Landre, delegate of the Holland Society of Actuaries, Amsterdam; Jean Bosler, L.S.M., delegate of the Institute of French Actuaries, Paris; Edmund Modrach, delegate of the German Society for Insurance Science, Leipzig; H. Duplaix, L.S.M., delegate of the Institute of French Actuaries, Paris; Florimond Hankar, director in "La Caisse d'Epargne et de Retraite," Brussels; J. F. Westerberg, manager the First Rotterdam Life Insurance Company, Rotterdam; Dr. Theodore Walther, delegate of the German Society for Insurance Science, Leipzig; Max Gerecke, delegate of the German Society for Insurance Science, Berlin.

The function was presided over by Mr. T. B. Macaulay, F.I.A., who stated that the foreign actuaries, who represented the chief nations of Europe, had been invited to Canada by him on behalf

of the Montreal life officials, lest they should leave America under the impression that the United States occupied all the continent. The desire was to give the foreign actuaries some idea of the extent, the condition, the resources, the prospects of Canada. Messrs. Tardit, Gericke, Schevichaven, Sven-Palme, representatives respectively of France, Holland, Sweden, expressed their appreciation of the courtesy of the officials who had invited them to Montreal and treated them so hospitably.

Mr. King, a well-known actuarial author, proposed the toast of "Canada—an integral part of the Empire." That this was so he said had been shown by Canada's help given during the South African war, and in time of peace she would always be a strong part of the Empire.

Sir Alexandre Lacoste also made an eloquent speech on this toast, saying that English and French were working in harmony to make Canada a great country. He was glad to see men from so many nations meeting together for so good a purpose as the discussion of actuarial matters. He was glad also to have them all meet in Montreal. Mr. Tardit spoke of these international congresses as conducive to good feeling between the nations. After the customary compliments had been presented, the function was closed by "Auld lang syne."

The visitors were treated to a drive around the city to see the sights that are so attractive to strangers. Several left for home at night, and the few who remained have been the recipients of private hospitalities during the week. To Mr. B. Hal Brown, secretary of the Montreal Committee and his associates, much praise is due for the success of this memorable and most pleasant international entertainment.

TWO EMINENT ACTUARIES.

Amongst other distinguished actuaries from Great Britain and the United States, who recently visited Montreal, were:

MR. RALPH PRICE HARDY, F.I.A., author of Hardy's Valuation Tables, which are universally used by life offices and members of his profession. The last time Mr. Hardy was in Montreal he was en route to Australia, where he spent a length of time fulfilling a highly important actuarial engagement, the results of which added new distinction to his high reputation.

MR. HENRY W. MANLY, F.I.A., ex-president of the Institute of Actuaries, London, England, Actuary of the Equitable Life, spent a few days in this city recently. The Equitable Life was established in 1762. Mr. Manly responded to the toast in honour of the oldest Life Assurance Company at the entertainment given to the Congress of Actuaries.

It was a source of much gratification to welcome visitors of such distinction to Montreal.