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A VERY pleasing event took place on Saturday evening, March 2, in Webb's restaurant, Toronto, when the staff of Warwick Bros. & Rutter met together at a banquet tendered to the accountant of the firm, Mr. Geo. R. Austin, who this year completes a term of 30 years' service in that house.

About 30 were present, most of them being members of Warwick Bros. & Rutter's staff. A few outsiders were also invited.

The occasion was all the more enjoyed since Mr. Austin was not aware that he was the guest of the evening, until Mr. Bryant presented him, on behalf of the staff with a gold watch, and, in a few words, explained to him the reason of the presentation, the good feeling and esteem which all members of the staff held for him.

Mr. Austin, in a happy reply, spoke of his 30 years' service in the company, and referred to many who had been associated with him in the past, who were now well

known in the trade. Among those he mentioned were: D. W. Bixbee, St. Catharines; E. L. Christie, Brandon, Man.; James Linton, Calgary; Jas. Thomson, Vancouver; W. P. Ryrie, of The Ryrie Paper Co., and Sam Lowery, Petrolea.

Speeches were also made by Messrs. A. O. Hurst, who was chairman of the evening, N. A. Sinclair, W. Mowat, E. T. Wingate, C. C. Pearson, the Montreal representative of the firm, and E. J. Hathaway, the last mentioned of whom gave a brief but interesting review of the history of the house, which had now reached its 50th anniversary.

The evening was made still more enjoyable by several vocal selections by Mr. T. S. Cockburn, of Chas. Goodall & Sons. Others who entertained the company by music or humorous stories were: Mr. Harry Lloyd, of the Imperial Bank; Mr. W. Woods, the firm's Western Ontario traveller; Mr. Blackburn, and Mr. Scott, of of The National Cash Register Co.

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