

Amongst those present at this very interesting and enjoyable festivity were:—Mr. and Mrs. Heaton (host and hostess), Hon. A. W. Atwater, K.C., Hon. Alphonse Desjardins, W. M. Ramsay, R. Wilson-Smith, F. W. Borland, W. G. Black, L. Beaudry, F. Brosseau, J. Stevenson Brown, C. Bogart, F. W. Churchill, C. P. Cleghorn, R. A. Duntun, Mr. and Mrs. P. Decary, jun., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fraas, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Irish, Mr. and Mrs. C. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Watt, Miss G. E. Young, Miss Macdonald, Messrs. John Date, F. Duffy, S. Finlay, S. A. Finley, J. O. Gravel, A. L. Gagnon, F. W. Heath, R. H. Hayward, W. C. Hagar, W. K. Knubby, J. Lavoie, R. J. Macnamara, A. Malo, H. H. McLean, J. B. Morrisette, A. R. Magill, J. Rowat, Fred. Wilson-Smith, D. J. Spence, Wm. Smith, A. H. Shorey, Geo. Sherritt, W. J. Thompson, F. J. Wilcocks.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AT QUEBEC,
PRESENTATION TO MR. L. GOLDMAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR.

The Annual Convention of the North American Life Assurance Company was held at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, on 20th, 21st and 23rd inst. The party included Mr. J. L. Blaikie, president; Mr. L. Goldman, managing director; Mr. J. N. Lake, auditor; Mr. T. G. McConkey, superintendent of agencies, with about forty agents, inspectors, and other officials from different parts of Canada. The Convention was opened on 20th inst., at the office of Mr. J. B. Morrisette, local agent of the company. The chief function was the annual dinner given by the company at the Kent House, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, at which there were 47 guests over which Mr. J. L. Blaikie, president of the company, presided. During the dinner Mr. Goldman, the popular managing director of the company, was presented with a very handsome cabinet of silverware, accompanied by the following address read by Mr. W. J. Fair on behalf of the agents.

To Mr. L. Goldman, managing director of the
North American Life Assurance Co.

Sir:

The various representatives on the field staff of the North American Life Assurance Co., including provincial and district managers, inspectors, and agents of the company, take this opportunity, on the occasion of your promotion to the important and responsible position of managing director, of expressing their sincerest congratulations and their best wishes, and of making known to you the deep interest they feel in everything that touches your happiness and prosperity. Your long and successful career with the company, with which we are identified, and your unwearied efforts in its interests, and the unvaried kindness and good feeling you have always evinced towards those with whom your duties have brought you in contact, are well known, and we sincerely believe, are duly appreciated by each and every one present.

We desire to place on record the cordial co-

operation you have ever extended to the members of the field staff, and we do not hesitate to say that if a large measure of success has attended the efforts of this branch of the company's service, it is largely owing to the confidence inspired by you. Some of us have been identified with the company since the beginning of your career, when the company was in its infancy, struggling for public recognition and supremacy, others became connected during the latter part of the first decade of the company's existence, and some of us since that important period of the company's history, all recognizing the proud and noble position our company has attained among the national institutions of our country. But without discriminating, we do not hesitate to say that no executive officer has done more to encourage and assist us in our work than yourself.

It is with great pleasure we request you to accept, on behalf of Mrs. Goldman and family, the accompanying cabinet of silver, as a slight evidence of our sincerest appreciation, and we hope and trust that Providence will long spare you in your position, to guard and protect the interests of the company, and that while yourself and family are using the many articles contained therein, and as time moves on, and we, in the natural course of events are removed from active duty one by one, this little souvenir will pleasantly recall to your mind those with whom you have borne the burden and heat of the day.

Signed on behalf of the Field Staff of the company.

T. G. McCONKEY,

Superintendent of Agencies.

Quebec, June 20, 1903.

Mr. Goldman, who was entirely taken by surprise, was given quite an ovation when he rose to acknowledge the presentation, and made a very appropriate speech, thanking the agents for the kind expressions and good wishes contained in the address. A number of toasts were given and suitably responded to. The banquet was an unqualified success. The party very highly enjoyed visits paid to the new Bridge now in course of construction, to the Island of Orleans, to Wolfe's Cove, and other points of interest in this most charming locality, which abounds in beautiful natural scenery, and is made fascinating by associations with the romantic history of old Canada.

Each one present at the Convention received an artistic medal as a souvenir.

The Convention of 1903 was universally pronounced to be the most enjoyable and in all respects most successful ever held under the auspices of the North American Life Assurance Company.

CANADIAN FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the members of the above association took place on the 24th inst., at Niagara on the Lake. Among other business brought before the meeting was the very important one of increased rates for conflagration hazards. Further particulars will appear in our next issue, as it is impossible to get full information before we go to press.