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## PRESENTATION - MR. K.L. FITCH

On Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Chairman, Mr Frank Suter, had a very pleasant duty to perform, namely the presentation of a token to mark 25 years loyal service with the Company.

Instead of the usual gold watch which most members of the staff who had attained 25 years service had been given, Mr. Fitch chose a Teas-Made, suitable inscribed.

The presentation, made in front of the co-founder and previous Chairman, Mr. Clarence, the Managing Director, Mr. David and the writer, was held in the Board Room.

Mr. Frank said how much the Company owed its success to persons of Mr. Fitch's type; loyal, trustworthy, efficient and always thinking of the Company's interests.

Mr. Fitch who greatly appreciated the honour bestowed on him, thanked the Directors for their generosity and helpfulness over the years he had been in Suters' employ. He said he had been the 'tea-boy' at home for a number of years, but now he could take and kettle full of water upstairs overnight and would not have to go downstairs each morning to make his wife a cup of tea.

Mr. Fitch joined Suters in September 1947, and was first sales in the Boys' Department at Slough, firstly under Mr. Whitaker, then under Mr. Tomlin who was made buyer when the former took up an appointment with Arthur Howard & Co. Ltd. With the rebuilding completed in 1962 and anticipated expansion of the business, Mr Fitch was promoted buyer of the Boys' Department. He now buys for the Uxbridge branch as well.

Mr. Fitch was one of many successful choices made by the writer during his years of more active participation in the Company. There were so many that it would be impolite to mention each by name in case someone was forgotten.

All of us wish Mr. Fitch many happy years of successful tea making, and very many happy years with Suters Limited.

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