

BANK CHANGES.

Molsons' Bank.—The following changes have been determined on in connection with the Molsons' Bank. Mr. A. D. Durnford, Inspector, has been designated Chief Inspector and Superintendent of Branches. Mr. W. H. Draper, at present Manager at Hamilton, will become Inspector at Montreal; Mr. T. Beresford Phepoe, Manager at Trenton, will succeed Mr. Draper at Hamilton; Mr. James H. Campbell, Accountant at head office, has been appointed Manager at Trenton. These changes will go into operation at once.

Bank of Nova Scotia.—As a result of several important changes in the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Mr. Horace A. Flemming, Manager of the Montreal Branch, will shortly return to Halifax as manager and secretary to the directorate. His successor will be Mr. J. Pitblado, now manager at Toronto, who will probably be succeeded by an official from the Maritime Provinces, where several changes are also being made. Mr. Geo. Sanderson has been appointed an inspector, Mr. Waters becoming the chief of the same department.

The reported removal of the general manager's office to Toronto, has not yet been officially confirmed.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The Bankers' section of the Montreal Board of Trade held its Annual Meeting on the 10th inst. Mr. Geo. H. Balfour was elected Chairman. A motion was passed regretting Mr. A. M. Crombie's retirement from the Chairmanship, on account of his leaving the ranks of active banking.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Horace Flemming, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, will leave for Halifax in a few days. During his stay in Montreal, Mr. Flemming has become very popular with those having business dealings with the bank, and general regret is expressed at his removal.

Mr. J. H. Campbell, who has been associated with the Molsons' Bank at its head office, Montreal, for the past thirteen years, has been appointed manager of the branch at Trenton, Ontario. Mr. Campbell is an able and energetic bank official. He is also the possessor of much musical talent, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. His resignation of the position of organist at St. Martin's Church in this city was received by the congregation with general regret.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We have received from an esteemed subscriber, Colonel Mason Kinne, Assistant-Secretary of the Liverpool and London and Globe at California, a calendar deserving of particular mention for its interesting and instructive originality. The design on the face of the artistic card is a clock with the hands set at 9 o'clock in the company's office in 'Frisco. To ascertain the time in Liverpool and London, Paris, Berlin, Constantinople, St. Petersburg, Calcutta, Hong

Kong, Melbourne, New Orleans, Chicago, New York, and Valparaiso, when the Californian clock says 9 a.m., one need only glance at the smaller surrounding dials which mark the time in the cities named. Such a calendar will be useful in telegraphing. The reverse side also contains much useful information for the Presidential year.

But the genial Colonel does not explain the omission of Montreal from his tell-tale clock.

Notes and Items.**At Home and Abroad.**

At a meeting on Monday morning of the forces of the New York Life's Agencies known as Warren Street, Yorkville, Murray Hill, St. James, Astor Place, Union Square, Harlem, Montague St. (Brooklyn), and Williamsburg, ten Agency directors resigned and joined the local force of the Equitable Life. Immediately more than four hundred solicitors in the Agencies resigned and went to the Equitable. Life Insurance men throughout the country were startled at the result, although only the Manhattan department of the New York Life was affected.

Vice-President Perkins said to reporters who called on Monday evening that the New York Life had recently discharged several local agency directors, and he supposed they had endeavored to scatter some discontent among the agents and make it appear as if there had been a great bolt in the ranks. "There is always more or less changing about around Christmas time and New Year's," he added, "but it is perfectly absurd to say there has been any concerted movement looking to a general withdrawal of local agents. It is simply nonsense."

BANKERS' BANQUET.—The annual banquet of Group VIII of the New York State Bankers' Association is to be held on the evening of February 6th in the large ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria.

The affair promises to be one of unusual importance, as there will be a large and representative gathering of the bankers of New York city. Some of the most prominent speakers of the country are expected to deliver brief addresses.

A NORTH BRITISH DINNER IN NEW YORK.—The retiring managers of the North British & Mercantile Insurance Company, Messrs. H. E. Bowers, West Pollock and W. R. Ecker, gave a farewell dinner to the staff last Monday at "The Arena." There were ninety covers, and it was practically a family affair. The hosts bade good-by to those they had been so long associated with.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE.—John C. French, president of the New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company, died last week at his home in Manchester, after an immediate illness of only a fortnight. Mr. French suffered from a runaway accident in mid-summer, when he was thrown from a conveyance and more or less injured, and has been failing ever since. He has been able to be about, however, until within the last two weeks. The funeral will be held on Thursday.