

A facetious correspondent at St. John, N.B., makes merry over several of our calendar notices, which he, being in a hilarious mood, says, "show signs of flippancy." He remarks, "Your Editor in speaking of the City and District calendar says, 'the girl gathering cherries will have a lot of admirers, but their admiration will evaporate in a few months!' Why? Are the cherries evaporated cherries?"

Now, that is indeed a very flippant remark, which comes strangely indeed from a solemn person who objects to flippancy! The portrait of the girl in question in a few months will be covered with office dust; later on will be defaced, later still will be cast into a waste paper basket. That's a very serious answer to our friend's "Why?"

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THE QUEBEC LEGISLATURE is called to meet on 9th February next.

CALENDARS 1905.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of more Calendars for the current year.

LA BANQUE PROVINCIALE DU CANADA, Montreal, has published a Calendar of exceptionally high excellence. In the centre is a photo of the bank's building Place d'Armes, and a copy of the "Certificat de Depot," or Deposit receipt by the terms of which deposits are allowed, 3, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. according to the period in which they remain. The borders are adorned by portraits of President Ducharme, Vice-President Burland, Mayor Laporte and the other directors, also portraits of chief justice Sir Alex. Lacoste, president of the Board of Censeurs, Dr. Lachapelle, vicepresident, and other members of that body; also of Mr. Bienvenu, general manager, Mr. Brunel, assistant-manager, and other officers. At each corner is a medallion with the Royal Arms illuminated. The Canada Engraving and Litho. Co., Montreal, has every reason to be proud of this specimen of their taste and skill.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE has issued a neat, tasteful card, in which the title in white and gold on a blue ground is highly effective. The border is of oak leaves, gilt, on a base of brown, with an embossed shield in the centre.

THE NOVA SCOTIA INSURANCE Co., Halifax, N.S., has published a calendar of which the chief feature will be found a very useful and serve as a good geography lesson to many of us whose knowledge of Canada is not what it should be. Few, for instance, know how near Nova Scotia is to being a group of islands. This map will keep the Province before us and help to create more interest in its affairs.

ASSURANCE MONT-ROYAL, (Incendie).—The display part of this Calendar is an artistic study in blue, white and gold. A drawing of the Maisonneuve monument in this city is exceptionally well executed and effective.

MR CHARLES F. DAWSON, mercantile stationer, has issued a neat Calendar that will be useful.

Messrs. Morton, Phillips & Co's card is plain, but will be a favorite, the almanac figures being very clear and well printed.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN TELEGRAPH Co., sends a very useful set of almanac cards, changeable daily which will be much appreciated in offices.

THE ONTARIO ACCIDENT and allied companies, represented by Messrs Eastmore & Lighbourn, Toronto, have issued a neat card, prettily illuminated, showing their new office premises, Adelaide St., Toronto.

THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY'S Calendar has a very picturesque view of Norwich Cathedral, the massive tower and graceful spire of which stand out in strong relief from a background of bright sky. They accompany this with a very handsome and convenient desk almanac.

PERSONALS.

MR. G. F. JOHNSTON, supervisor of the New York Life Insurance Company, at Montreal, was recently made the recipient of a very handsome presentation by the agents of the company under his control. In returning thanks to the donors, Mr. Johnston spoke in very felicitous terms of the very loyal support accorded him during the past year, which has resulted in a large increase in the business.

MR. C. T. GILLESPIE, Toronto, general manager for Canada, of the Provident Savings Life, writes us that he has secured the services of Mr. J. W. Ryder, lately city ticket agent, of the Grand Trunk. Mr. Ryder should prove a valuable addition to the forces of the company.

ALD. W. G. BLACK, the well-known insurance agent, Ottawa, has been returned again to the Council of 1905, by a very large vote. We congratulate Mr. Black, who has always shown a faithful adherence to the interests of the rate-payers.

MR. A. MCN. SHAW, whose appointment as provincial manager at Montreal, for the Imperial Life, was announced in our last issue, has had a very successful career as provincial manager for New Brunswick, during the past six years, for the Imperial Life.

THE FOLLOWING WESTERN MANAGERS were in Montreal, this week, attending the monthly meeting of the C.F.U.A. Messrs. P. H. Sims (British America); Alfred Wright (London and Lancashire); H. M. Blackburn (Sun); A. M. Kirkpatrick (Hartford), and J. B. Laidlaw (Norwich Union).

MR. J. G. MONK, who is well-known in this city as manager of the American Bank Note Co., has been promoted to an important position at the head office in New York. The company purpose to extend their operations in Canada, and will likely open branch offices in large centres, such as Toronto, Winnipeg, etc. Mr. Monk has been very successful during his connection with the company for the past ten or eleven months in Montreal, and his previous experience and knowledge of the business should be of great value in directing the Canadian business from the head office. Mr. Monk's promotion is well deserved, and highly gratifying to hosts of friends in Montreal and elsewhere.

MR. F. H. MATHEWSON, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Montreal, was in Toronto this week, attending the annual meeting of the Bank. He returned to Montreal yesterday.