

to run concurrently on the garage charge, all sentences to be served in Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester, N.B.

The outstanding features of this case are the bank manager's conduct and promptness in notifying the police, and the speedy action of the police that ended so satisfactorily. Had the former attempted to investigate further on his own, a far different ending might have resulted with the criminals escaping to try again some place else. Public co-operation of this common-sense sort is of valuable assistance to the police in their never-ending fight against crime, in this instance it doubtless saved many citizens serious financial loss.

An appropriate foot-note to this piece, is the following editorial tribute by the *Saint John Telegraph Journal*:

"New Brunswick is a pleasant vacation-land which is happy to welcome most visitors. But it is hardly the healthiest place in the world for would-be bank robbers. This fact was illustrated a few years ago when gunmen held up a branch bank in Salisbury and were nabbed even before they could speed into Moncton, a few miles away. It was demonstrated again by what happened

this last week-end, when we had some more visitors on a similar kind of business trip.

"Under cover of darkness, using pinch bars, crowbars, an electric drill and other equipment with no little skill, they gouged their way into the Bank of Nova Scotia branch in the tranquil village of Hampton. That was one trouble about the whole affair, from the Montreal burglars' standpoint—Hampton, like so many other friendly, peace-loving New Brunswick communities, is just too tranquil for the racket of safe-cracking to continue unnoticed. The noise roused the bank manager, Mr. Charles L. Flemming, from slumber at his home. Instead of becoming panicky and calling neighbours, or throwing caution to the winds and rushing in singlehanded to see what was going on, he showed commendable presence of mind in telephoning to the R.C.M.P. at Sussex and Saint John, and standing pat to await developments.

"Two features of the Mounties' part in the round-up deserve more than passing attention. They reached the scene from Sussex, twenty-two miles away, swiftly and caught the men in the act. They captured two of them without

**View of debris on the floor just outside the rifled bank vault. Note the boxes of securities, cash and jewellery all packed and ready for a quick getaway, also the bars and electric drill.**

