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## **BANKS SHOULD** WIN SUPPORT ON SERVICE BASIS

Edmonton Manager Tells How Public Confidence May be Won

BANKS AND FARMERS No Other Interests Have so Much in Common and so Little in Com-

confidence is, therefore highly desir-mile for the successful relations of the bank and the peoples. This is emphasized in a paper on banking service by Frank Pike, manager of the Merchants' Bank at Edmonton. "There must never be the slightest unartice of our borns and interfits. question of our honor and integrity, nor the slightest suggestion of trick-ery nor sharp practice," declares Mr. Pike, who follows this with a confident expression that Canadian

confident expression that Canadian commercial integrity is the highest in the world—a standard which the bank manager can help to maintain. "We must remember at all times that the public is entitled to prompt, respectful and business-like treat-ment—not gushing, effervescent at-tention, but genuine, sincere ser-vice," declares Mr. Pike, who fol-lows with a practical view of the re-latione of the manager and the cuslations of the manager and the customer:

The average man very quickly sees through camouflage and deceit, and a banker who has not the courage of his convictions and who will not talk plainly and sincerely with his customers does not deserve their res-pect. Borrowers, no matter what their proposals, or the size of the loans applied for, are entitled to a courteous, considerate hearing, and there is no reason why customers should be antagonized on account of the refusal of the loan, if intelligent explanations are made. It 's not sufficient merely to say that money is tight and, therefore, the loan can-not be granted, but the reason why money is tight should also be explained and the average customer is sufficiently intelligent to quick'y

sufficiently intelligent to quick y grasp the situation. We can do a great deal more than we are doing to educate the people to a proper realization of the functions of a bank and how necessary and how important it is that bank funds ba kept absolutely liquid, and not tied up in speculative business ventures of

long-term investments. To be a successful banker requires much more firmness and courage than the man on the street us ally attributes to his banker. One of our former general managers has made the statement that the "popular ban ker is seldom if ever a successful one." What he meant, no doubt, was that the manager who seeks cheap popularity through the avenue of his institution cannot be successful I is easy enough to make good fellows of ourselves at the bank's expense, but on the other hand, a manager cannot be a success unless he holds the respect of his customers, and he possibly hold their respect unless he is natural, sincere and gen because nothing that is not uine. genuine and sincere can succeed.

The Banker and the Farmer. On the point of service, Mr. Pike believes that the banker in Canada has no greater opportunity than in connection with agriculture. No in-terests in Canada have more in common and less in competition than farming and banking, he argues. His views in this connection will be of interest to many managers in coun-try branches, particularly in Western Canada.

I have had a great deal of experience with farmers and I must say that they have my unbounded admiration for the way they have risen above their discouragements and bend their backs to the fall plowing when their summer crops have been destroyed. Courage, grit and determination find a very high average among our farmers as a class, and the example they give of service well performed is a very high one. It is simply marvellous to me the way the fields are plowed and sowed and the acreage increased no matter the discouragements have The farmer never turns his what been. back, but always marches forward

Of all the business interests of the country, farming and banking have most in common and least in compe tition and these two great interests should be brought together in every petition, Says Frank Pike.

ed, but a collection was taken in ald of the Chinese famine fund, which amounted to \$70. Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Fortune, of Glan Elho, spent a day recently at Mr. P. Fortune's.

Mr. P. Fortune's. Miss Mary Purvis, Ottawa, Miss Arrilla Avery, Kingston, Miss Bea-trice Avery, Lyn, Miss Marion Scott, Toronto, Miss Gertrude Scott, Pole's Resort, Mr. Lleyd Mulvaugh, Carthage, N.Y., are spending their holidays at their homes here. There was the usual family re-union at Mr. Eli Tennant's, Mr. J. S. Jurvis', Mr. Walter Purvis' and Mr. J. A. Herbison's on Christmas Day. Mrs. Allen N. "Earl, Purvis and, Doris Earl, of Warburton, are here

Doris Earl, of Warburton, are here visiting the former's parents, Mr.

visiting the former's parents, par-and Mrs. Waiter Purvis. Mrs. John Fletcher and children, Mildred and Mabel, of Redwood, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Herbison

and son Lawrence, of Plessis, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Herbison and son Donald, of Watertown, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. John Summers and song Ernest and Jack, of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Summers and children, Albert and Marguerite, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Summers, of Mallorytown, were Christmas visitors at Mr. J. A, Her-bison's bison's,

Mrs. Jacob Warren is in Athens visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walton Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Trickey, and Miss Luella, Mallorytown, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Phillips, Escott, were visitors at Mr. Arnold Avery's on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson, of Pittsburg, spent the week-end here with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. Mal-

ory. Miss Mary Scott, Lansdowne, Miss Edna Scott, Fairfax, are spending the holidays at their home here. Mr. and Mrs. John Kincaid and Mr.

and Mrs. Burton Graham and child-ren, of Caintown, were visitors at Mr. Harry Franklin's on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferguson spent Sunday last at Mr. Sam Burtch's, Rockfield.

### Leeds

Born-On Monday, Dec. 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Blackman, a daughter.

Mr. Tom Wills, medical student of Queen's University, Kingston, Miss Blanche Wills, teacher at Woodburn, Miss Nellie Cockrill, teacher at Woodudin, Miss Nellie Cockrill, teacher at Ellis-ville, and Harold and Travan Wills, of the Athens High School are spend-ing the Christmas vacation under the parental roof.

Messrs. Harold and Lawrence Edgers, of Smiths Falls, were holi-day visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Edg-

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kirkland and Mr. and Mrs. will Kirkland and family spent Christmas day at Sand Bay at the home of the latter's par-ents. Miss Vera Slack, her sister,

accompanied them home. The concert given by the pupils of cur local school on the last day of school, proved a decided success. The teacher, Miss Leita Gamble, was remembered by the pupils and Santa Claus remembered the pupils very

generously. Miss Ella Smith, of Athens, is spending the holiday season at the home of her sister, Mrs. Minor Sweet.

Miss Blanche Wills and Mr. Ford Will<sub>3</sub> are spending the week-end at Ashton.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble are en-Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble are en-ing and Mrs. Will Sweet motored to Portland on Christmas day.

The December meeting of the Morton Branch of the Women's Institute was held last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Eugene Edgers. After the general routine of business, Mrs. Will Sweet gave her paper on the convention held in Ottawa. Lunch was served to the 14 members' pre-sent. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Will

ery's Hall Dec. 22nd, was a Montgomery rail Dec. Zind, was a decided success. A, very pleasing feature of the program was an ad-dress and presentation of a well fiell-ed purse to Mirs. J. Goad. The following address was read by-Mr. Egbert Mott: Dear Mirs. Coad.—Because you been a friend to most of us in

Dear Mrs. Coad.—Because you have been a friend to most of us in our infancy and our appreciation of your worth has developed as we ad-vance in years, we have come to look upon the services you have rendered the Frankville S.S. as be-yond any value the human mind can set upon them. Kindly accept this token of our löve and esteem, and may you be spared many years to direct the eyes of the little ones to Christ, as He is seen through the eyes of a true,

een through the eyes of a true, good woman.

Though taken by surprise Mrs. Coad made a suitable reply, wishing Coad made a Surante reply, was to all a very Merry Christmas. The police village annual meeting was held on Monday at 12 o'clock when the following trustees were elected, viz.: Albert Hanton, Charles Church and J. J. Smith. The meeting was in favor of extending the sidewalks.

Mrs. Geo. Percival is under the loctor's care.

Billy Thompson has returned after spending the past year in the west.

"Getting Martha's Goat" is the title of the leading story in Rod and Gun in Canada for January. The author is John Harker, a writer who injects wit and humor into ordinary dry re-citals of trips after various big game in the Canadian Rockies. Bonnycas tle Dale tells of the biggest of big game in North America—the moose. The lover of history an adventure is taken through Northern Ontario to the James Bay by L. T. Bowes, the noted traveller. The Guns and the noted traveller. The Guns and Ammunition Department for this in teresting issue carries an appeal from the editor for the inclusion of from the editor for the inclusion of the whole family on the trips to the "shooting range. Robert Page Lin-coln, M. U. Bates, F. V. Williams and various other departmental edi-tors have contributed their usual high class, articles, Canada's na-tional contributed the for Yantional sportsmen's monthly for Jan-uary is full of interest to the lover of the out of doors. Rod and Gun in Canada is published monthly at Woodstock, Ont., by W. J. Taylor, Limited.

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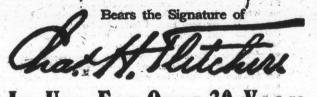
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come to think of it, how much farm ing and banking have in common. Of all our public interests, they are the two most essential for real public therefore, a duty It is, velfare. which we owe our country and out institution to do everything in our power to unite these two great in terests, and by doing so we render a

real service. The service which the banks ren der in the safe-keeping of the money of the people is also mentioned by Mr. Pike. The first duty of the bank is to the depositor, he emphasizes; also to keep the wheels of commerce running smoothly and to assist the legitimate development of produc tive resources—to endeavor to bal ance the scales evenly between de positing and borrowing customers

and to bring them to a better under standing of each other's position.

We are in full accord with Mr Pike's remarks and are glad to note identical.

### Junetown

Mrs. Thos. Franklin is at Rockport visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Kirk Miss Orma and Mr. Arthur For tune spent an evening last week in

Athens. Mr. Stuart Tennant is visiting Mr.

J. S. Purvis. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Purvis and baby. Muriel, spent a day last w at Mr. W. H. Foley's, Lansdowne. week

Mr. A. M. Stevenson left on Friday to spend the holidays at his home in Rockland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham spent Christmas at Mr. Carl Burnham's, Quabbin

The concert held at the Junetown public school was a decided success. The pupils played their part well, everyone taking some part, and much credit is due the teacher, Mr. Dyke, who spared no pains in training No admission fee was chargthem.

Sweet.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ross Gamble was held from her home to St. John's Church last Thursday, Rev. Mr. Boyle, of Athens, officiat-Our sympathy is extended to ing.

her husband and children. The sudden death of Mrs. Ross Gamble has cast a gloom over this vicinity. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and two children. namely, Marjorie and Borden, aged respectively 13 and 10, also a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland, one sister, Mrs. H John H Mc Fadden, and three brothers, Herbert, William and Charlie, all prominent Her absence is a wide open farmers. space in both church and Sunda school, of which she was a cheerful, active worker. The esteem in which she was held was well shown by the many floral offerings.

### Frankville

Mr. Fred Kelly, student of Queen's spent a few days at the parsonage, en route to his home in Pembroke. W. C. Dowsley, I.P.S., and Mrs. Dowsley, visited his sister, Mrs. M. Livingstone, last week.

Miss Fenton, teacher, left for her ome in Brockville on Thursday morning, and will resume her duties n Jan. 3rd.

James L. Gallagher had the fortune to be thrown from his sleigh and was pretty badly shaken. Mr. and Mrs. Throop went to

Brockville to spend Christmas at his home.

Wilfrid Livingstone, of the Guelph

ast week. Thomas Dowsley is confined to his

Stanley Livingstone and James Simey, of Ottawa, arrived Christmas Eve to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.D.

Livingstone Mr. and Mrs. S. Montgomery and son, Fred, spent Christmas in Smiths Falls.

The S.S. entertainment held in

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