

porations over the Parliament and Government of Canada.
 "We will see what we shall see."

BANK MERGERS.

The process of amalgamation by the Canadian Banks must in a short time complete the power of the moneyed corporations over the Parliaments and Governments of Canada.

The fewer the number of Banks the greater the power centred in a small number of men and the sure and certain curtailment of popular freedom. We have now one-third less Banks than we had twenty years ago.

Bank amalgamations should not be lawful except by a *two-thirds vote of both the Senate and Commons*, accompanied by affidavits of both General-Managers and Presidents setting forth the amount of commissions or profits paid to the promoter and to whom, together with all other considerations given to the directors and officials of the absorbed Bank.

A Parliamentary enquiry into the recent Bank amalgamation might show something of interest to the public.

Every Bank merger makes for a fewer number of men controlling the capital of Canada. The reign of the "man on horseback" is preferable to the rule of the financial High Priests, and who are able in most cases to enrich or impoverish at will.

THE TRUST COMPANY MACHINE.

Trust Companies, which are adjuncts to the large Canadian Banks, should be enquired into. They are a recent discovery how to grow rich by using the Bank depositors' money. The directors of the Bank and its Trust Company are the same, and the machinery operated to enable Bank directors to make money for themselves by methods not in keeping with high morality.

X There should be a complete divorce of the Trust Company and Banking business, and no Bank director, or Bank